

# Academic Affairs

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Please note the new deadlines for submitting to the VPAA Journal:

### Deadline for Submission

April 5

April 29

### Publication Date

April 15

May 3

Welcome back from Spring Break, colleagues! Winter was rolling along pretty nicely until February – and then Mother Nature reminded us that we do, in fact, live in New Hampshire! Hope you were able to enjoy a little R&R over the break. Just a few items I would like to share with you.

- For faculty who might have any questions about current or future grants, please contact Don Brezinski at extension 3109. The Grants office is currently undergoing a reorganization but Don is available to answer any questions you might have.
- We will soon be rolling out the new CRM system that I know is going to be very, very helpful. Once completed, this system will provide faculty with the most current and comprehensive information about their advisees. Stay tuned for more information about the roll-out and faculty training schedule.
- Brooke Gilmore, Dr. Diana Polley and Shawn Powers gave a presentation at the AAC&U General Education and Assessment conference in Boston on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Delivered as a short TED-style presentation in a session on “Innovative Designs for General Education,” they drew a very large crowd at 4:30 PM on a Friday . . . that tells you a lot!! Attendees were anxious to hear how our general education “Integration Clusters” engage students and faculty. Thank you Brooke, Diana and Shawn.
- Lastly – as you may know, our Men’s Basketball team won the NE-10 Championship last Saturday. That means we have THREE NE-10 championships in a single year!! My heartiest congratulations to all of our coaches, and the entire team over in our Athletics Department. You folks are *awesome*!

Patricia A. Lynott

Provost and Sr. Vice President for Academic Affairs

## University Curriculum Committee (UCC)

As we are moving forward with a new way to update the course catalog, we have been able to extend the deadline for final proposals for the next catalog year. In recent years, in order for any changes to curriculum to be made in the course catalog, proposals needed to be to the UCC by the December meeting. The new deadline will be the UCC February meeting. This means any changes you would like to see made in the 2013-2014 course catalog need to be approved by your school's curriculum committee and deans.

## Meet Jessica Sayers!

Hello everyone I am so excited to be giving the opportunity to follow a great editor like Erin for The Journal. I am finishing up my first year here at SNHU for a major in Creative Writing and a minor in Communication. I am a proud member of the four year Honors Program even though I am trying to get my degree in three years. I hope to successfully follow in Erin's footsteps with The Journal because she did an amazing job throughout her time here. I would love to read any articles that you want to be submitted for publication and you can email me at [jessica.sayers@snhu.edu](mailto:jessica.sayers@snhu.edu).

## SED Freshman Assessments/Retention

*Submitted by: Peg Ford, Associate Dean, School of Education*

The Faculty in the School of Education is serious about retention of their students. Beginning in Fall 2013, all freshman will take a battery of tests in reading, writing, and mathematics to assess what their strengths and weaknesses are in these core subjects. Based on the results of this assessment, students will be directed to take various courses of action to address any weaknesses they might have in these areas. These efforts will not only address the matter of retention but will also help students to be successful on the national examinations (PRAXIS) they must take in order to be licensed to teach. The faculty is making a commitment to the success of students that hope to become teachers in New Hampshire and beyond.

## Fulbright

**Attention all faculty! The competition for Fulbright fellowships is now open and everyone is encouraged to consider applying. For more information contact Associate VPAA Nicholas Hunt-Bull at [n.hunt-bull@snhu.edu](mailto:n.hunt-bull@snhu.edu) or ext. 2450.**

## Alumni Spotlight: Active Alumni, Vibrant Campus

Submitted by: The Office of Institutional Advancement

### *Business Indicator Series: Sharing Bright Ideas and Valuable Perspectives*

Each year, the Office of Alumni Relations presents the Business Indicator Series for alumni executives, business leaders, and the greater SNHU community.

In these intimate and thought-provoking breakfast sessions, a panel of alumni experts addresses topics in business such as risk management, the role of the board, strategic planning, leveraging technology, and human resources issues. In one of the most popular sessions of 2012, SNHU President Paul



*John Pappas '94 MBA, Richard Greenslade '90 MBA, and Patrick Kane '02 MBA address the Issues of Risk Management in the September 2012 Business Indicator Series session.*

LeBlanc addressed leadership and innovation in a candid conversation facilitated by alumnus Dr. Russ Ouellette '91, managing partner at Sojourn Partners.

The Alumni Relations team invites SNHU faculty and staff to save the dates for the 2013 series sessions:

Tuesday, Apr. 30, 8:00 a.m., The One Hundred Club, Portsmouth, N.H.

Thursday, May 23, 7:45 a.m., John C. and Betty Miles Room, Dining Center

Thursday, Aug. 15, 7:45 a.m., John C. and Betty Miles Room, Dining Center

Tuesday, Sept. 17, 8:00 a.m., The One Hundred Club, Portsmouth, N.H.

Thursday, Nov. 14, 7:45 a.m., Banquet Hall, Dining Center

Please note that pre-registration is required, and more information on the 2013 series (and past series) can be found at [alumni.snhu.edu/BusinessIndicator](http://alumni.snhu.edu/BusinessIndicator).

We are in the process of finalizing topics and panelists for these sessions, and we would welcome your suggestions. If you'd like to nominate an alumnus or alumna as a panelist for a particular topic, or if you are interested in learning more about bringing alumni into your classroom to build opportunities for students, please contact Kristi Durette, director of Alumni Relations ([k.durette@snhu.edu](mailto:k.durette@snhu.edu) or 603.645.9780).

### Academic Policy Committee (APC) pt.1

There were three important policies passed this academic year, **The General Education Policy**, **The ILE Scholastic Standing Committee**, and **The Non-Graded Course Policy**.

**The General Education Policy** was approved on January 21, 2013. The policy is effective immediately for students transferring to SNHU beginning coursework in September 2013. There are two models. First, if a student has completed the AA in Liberal Arts at a regionally accredited community college, then the only additional SNHU general education requirement students would complete is the SNHU Experience. Additionally, students will have to complete SNHU Foundation requirements (100 or higher level Math, ENG 120, ENG 200). Those who have not taken a second composition course would have to take ENG 200 upon transfer and any dictated general education requirements for the student's intended program must be met. Second, if a student has completed a portion of general education courses at another institution, or has completed an Associate's degree in a subject other than Liberal Arts, their courses would transfer in to SNHU in the categories listed below. Exact course equivalencies would not be required for transferred courses. The student would be required to complete a cluster and SNHU Experience.

Please see the link below for the chart: <https://my.snhu.edu/Offices/AcademicAffairs/Documents/AY%202012-13%20Policies/General%20Education%20Transfer%20policy.pdf>

Academic Policy  
Committee (APC) pt.2

The ILE Scholastic Standing Committee was approved on December 26, 2012 and is currently in effect. As of January 1, 2013, a new Scholastic Standing Committee will be established by the Institute for Language Education (ILE) to address issues with underperforming students. The committee will have the authority to issue Academic Warnings, but will forward recommendations for Academic Suspensions or other sanctions to the appropriate (graduate or undergraduate) University Scholastic Standing Committee which will make a final decision on such cases. As with other Scholastic Standing Committees, the ILE-SSC will create its own internal processes, referring periodically to the APC for guidance.

## Career Development Center's "Career Corner" pt.1

Submitted by: Christiana Amesquita, Outreach Coordinator, Career Development Center

### Recruiting Recap



#### *Culinary Career Fair - February 19th*

In uniforms and resumes in hand, Culinary Arts students and alumni attended the "Culinary Career Fair" on March 19<sup>th</sup>; a special event coordinated in partnership with the Culinary Program and the Career Development Center.

We were pleased to have such an excellent turnout of businesses, including Aramark, Labelle Winery, the Sagamore Resort, Great NH Restaurants and many others. Businesses who participated in this event, promoted opportunities for summer employment, internships and professional positions post-graduation.

#### *Internship and Employer Fair - February 28<sup>th</sup>*

With a close call of stormy winter weather, the sun and warmth arrived for the "Internship and Employer Fair" on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Over 50 employers made their way to SNHU to promote their internships and full-time opportunities. Over 150 students attended this event and thanks to photographer, Joel Hyla, the LinkedIn Photo Booth was back again offering students the opportunity to receive a professional headshot for free.



#### *Sports Management Speaker Series: Millennium Running - March 13<sup>th</sup>*

Always happy to support our clubs and organizations on campus, the Sports Management Clubs' "Speaker Series" on March 13<sup>th</sup> welcomed CEO of Millennium Running, John Mortimer and race announcer, Jamie Staton to speak with students about their experiences working in the sports industry. John, who is also a former Olympic track runner and Jamie, a well-known TV sportscaster, offered beneficial advice and tips for students in job searching, interviewing, networking and much more.



## Career Development Center's "Career Corner" pt.2

Submitted by: Christiana Amesquita, Outreach Coordinator, Career Development Center



### Upcoming Events

*International Alumni Panel  
Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m.*

*Academic Center, Learning Commons*

The "International Alumni Panel" is a special opportunity for international students to receive helpful advice, tips and suggestions from SNHU international alumni on OPT job searching and finding sponsorship for their H-1B visa.

This year, six successful international alums from a variety of backgrounds including accounting, environment, ethics, public policy, international economic development, business administration, organizational leadership, marketing and hospitality will be featured on the panel. Refreshments will be provided. Students are encouraged to register in SNHU Recruit through [mySNHU](http://mySNHU). This event is sponsored by SNHU Career Center for online students, the Career Development Center on campus, Alumni Relations and the International Student Association. For more information please contact Marisa Crowley at 1.888.672.1458 ext. 0049 or [m.crowley2@snhu.edu](mailto:m.crowley2@snhu.edu).

### *Teacher Career Fair*

*Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.*

*Dining Center Banquet Hall (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)*

In collaboration with the School of Education, the "Teacher Career Fair" is the first of its kind. This event is open to all education students and is a valuable opportunity to network with area schools including principals. Students are encouraged to register in SNHU Recruit through [mySNHU](http://mySNHU).

### *Sports Management Club Speaker Series: Art Solomon*

*Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m.*

*Robert Frost Hall, Walker Auditorium*

The next speaker series from the Sports Management Club will feature President and CEO of DSF Sports, and Entertainment, Art Solomon. Art Solomon is also the owner of the New Hampshire Fisher Cats as well as the Bowling Green Hot Rods. Open to all majors, learn how Art became successful and hear his insight for students looking to break into the industry. Students are encouraged to register in SNHU Recruit through [mySNHU](http://mySNHU).

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### Academic Policy Committee (APC) pt.3

Lastly, the **Non-Graded Policy** was approved on January 21, 2013 and is currently in effect. The policy states that a grade of "NG" will be assigned to courses that are ungraded (e.g. SHRM) to indicate that the course is non-graded rather than missing a grade. This policy assists in record-keeping and for those viewing SNHU transcripts.