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The School of Education is pleased to announce that it has created a [blog](#)

Submitted by Lara Quiroga

Please enjoy the first two entries written by our dean, Mary S. Heath. The blog will be updated regularly and we look forward to prospective student, current student, faculty, and staff participation!

VPAA Journal in Academic Archive

We are pleased to announce that Shapiro Library is preserving our VPAA Journal in their new and developing Institutional Repository, which was made possible by a grant given to our University's Library from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Our Library has named it the SNHU Academic Archive. It will hold student, faculty, and University material. The Academic Archive is currently being tested. Once it is made available, faculty will be able to view it and provide feedback. We look forward to having it available for use!

The Faculty Center for Innovation and Excellence in Teaching is pleased to announce Dr. Robert Seidman as Southern New Hampshire University's Faculty Teaching Scholar

Submitted by Eleanor Dunfey-Freiburger



The Faculty Center advisory board is pleased to inform you that Dr. Seidman's innovative, interdisciplinary proposal has been unanimously approved.

At a time when everyone is already busy with work at hand, Dr. Seidman recognized the worth of exploring greater collegial interaction and was willing to put in the time it takes to develop such a proposal.

As Senior Faculty, he will have much to offer us in the way of evaluating this fledgling initiative, and we look forward to his chronicling this endeavor. Ultimately, the students will be the greatest beneficiaries of his work.

The Faculty Center advisory board will do its best to support him. We thank him for leading this timely academic endeavor. Congratulations, Dr. Robert Seidman!

REMINDER: SPRING 2010 ADMISSION EVENTS

Accepted Student Day : **April 10th, 9:30am-1pm**
Faculty teaching 30-minute cases to students

Spring Open House : **April 24th, 8:30am-2pm**
Faculty will offer their academic presentations in 3 consecutive 45 minute sessions prior to lunch/information fair.

Penmen for a Day (NEW for 2010) :
Offered every Wednesday (February 3 -April 21 except for Spring break)
Faculty will be contacted regarding class observations (during 9:30-10:45am class) and possible meeting with students after lunch.

Presidential Scholars Dinner : **February 15th**
Class observations will be provided prior to the dinner. Faculty will be contacted regarding student class requests.

Transfer Information Sessions :
March 4th, April 1st, and May 6th
Faculty will be contacted regarding class observations (during 2-3:15pm class) and possible meeting with students.

Tours and Interviews : **Monday-Friday and on selected Saturdays (January 30, February 13, March 6, and March 13)**
Faculty may be called for availability to meet with a student on campus. Also, you are encouraged to introduce yourself to tours running on campus.

Senate News

December, 2009

Submitted by Susan Schragle-Law

The following issues were discussed and subcommittees formed as required:

Textbooks/Follett -

The Senate agreed to form a subcommittee for further investigation and discussion regarding faculty issues.

Steve Booth volunteered to be the chair and Ed Haddad to be a member. Please contact Steve if you would like to offer ideas and input.

Governance Changes –

The Senate agreed to form a subcommittee to look at changes in wording, omissions and additions needed to the governance document. Pamela Cohen offered to chair a subcommittee on governance changes. Diana Polley and Desmond Keefe volunteered to work with her. Send your governance document issues to any one of them.

Course Evaluations –

The Senate discussed the new procedures for course evaluations. Senate agreed to wait until early 2010 to evaluate the outcome of the new procedures and determine next steps.

The Senate met again on Wednesday, January 20. The news from that meeting will appear in next month's VPPA Journal.

The next Senate meeting is Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at 2 pm in the HOS 202 (Boardroom).

THE WILEY FACULTY NETWORK

For interested faculty, attached to this Journal is the Wiley Faculty Network Guest Lecture Guide for Presenters. What is the Wiley Faculty Network?

"The Wiley Faculty Network (WFN) is a peer to peer network of faculty aimed at addressing teaching and learning issues. The WFN offers many ways faculty can connect to discuss these teaching issues, including one-on-one mentoring, live workshops, campus and regional events and web resources in addition to our very popular Virtual Guest Lecture Series." Gordon, Marsha. "Wiley Faculty Network". 2008. PDF file.

We gained knowledge of the Wiley Faculty Network through J. Desmond Keefe, associate professor for Culinary and the Culinary Program Chair here at SNHU. Keefe is an author for the Wiley Faculty Network. He was recruited to present for them. So, we asked him a few questions about how WFN Virtual Guest Lectures work.

"I do the presentations from my office, my presentation is loaded onto the WFN presentation software and I am able to click through it and visit web sites and my own desk top while speaking to the attendees over the phone. My voice is then sent to the attendees computers and they hear me while viewing the presentation on their computer screens. They are able to communicate with me by using a chat sidebar which I can answer orally. My presentation focuses on using Multimedia in the classroom and I go through all the different forms of media and finish with music and I sing them a song/rap on a nutrition topic that I ask them to sing along with me but I don't have any way of knowing if they are actually doing so. I did two presentations for WFN last year and they were very well received."

Keefe, Desmond. Personal interview. 20 Jan. 2010.

Check out the WFN website to learn more. The link is located in the attached WFN Guest Lecture Guide.



Southern NH University Women's Basketball has teamed up with the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) to help fight breast cancer!

Join them in the fight on February 13, 2010 at 1:30pm where SNHU will take on Bentley!

PACK THE PLACE IN PINK!

Wear **PINK** to the GAME and get FREE admission!



Limited T-shirts will be available for sale to help benefit Breast Cancer Awareness.

If you have any questions about the event or if you have an interest in supporting this cause, please contact Sarah Shea at s.shea@snhu.edu or SNHU Women's Basketball at 603-645-9715.

A Christmas Feast



J. Desmond Keefe III with his Men's Group

This past Christmas, Keefe along with his Men's Group, took part in the First Parish Church Christmas Feast. Keefe joined the church four years ago and learned that it had at one time hosted a Thanksgiving Dinner. As a Chef, he proposed a new idea; a Christmas Feast.

"We all got excited about it and worked together to make it happen. We worked out shopping lists, organized advertising, and work crews."

The church has now hosted three successful Christmas Feasts and plans to continue them.

"We do intend to continue every year providing meals to individuals who might not be able to have a meal otherwise on Christmas day and also for anyone who wants to enjoy the fellowship of a large group. Christmas can be a difficult day for some people and we just try to make it easier and better."

It is a wonderful and generous act of kindness Keefe, his Men's Group, and Church have performed and when Christmas rolls around again, you can be sure Keefe will be at the First Parish Church, "cooking, serving, and having a nice time with lots of wonderful people."

Keefe, Desmond. Personal interview. 20 Jan. 2010.

ATTACHMENTS

In addition to the WFN Guest Lecture Guide for Presenters, you will find attached the Standards for the American Culinary Federation Education Foundation, Inc. Accrediting Commission.

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Civic Engagement/ Service-Learning Faculty, Spring 2010

Submitted by Eleanor Dunfey-Freiburgh

SCHOLARSHIP + SERVICE= SIGNIFICANCE

A new year and another semester of involvement in exploration of SNHU's Civic Engagement/Service Learning initiative!

Many thanks to the following colleagues who are involved in teaching Service-Learning courses this semester: Bryan Bouchard, Pamela Cohen, Bill Donoghue, Tracy Dow, Jim Duffy, Ed Haddad, Bayard Herndon, Helen Packey, and Megan Paddack.

These nine classes represent more than 150 students currently engaged in courses that take the content students are learning and apply it to a need in a non-profit. The classes reflect not only on the particular skills they are bringing to the site but also on the work of the non-profit they are serving. The goal is to envision the community as a 'living textbook' in which faculty and students alike make connections between their learning and the worth of service. It is in making reflection a key component of the course that students often begin to recognize the value of their learning in light of community needs.