

# Academic Affairs

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## Make A Difference Day Saturday, October 23rd



### NOTE FROM THE VPAA

Dear Colleagues:

I am delighted to report that the start of this new school year has gone extremely well. Despite the very large number of students we are serving this term, very few problems have been reported to my office. We certainly need to thank our colleagues in Student Affairs for their extraordinary work, but I also want to publicly acknowledge the exceptional care and dedication of the faculty. You have taken special care to accommodate and support this very large incoming class, and those efforts affirm your commitment to teaching and learning. We can all take great pride in the good work being done at SNHU. I also want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the ongoing improvements that have been made to our freshmen experience course, SNHU 101. The faculty teaching in this first year course have shown exceptional commitment to our incoming freshmen, and the assessment survey built into the course has allowed us to very early identify and address individual students who were struggling. Those students were personally contacted by their advisors within the first three weeks of the term. Please know that you can contact my office if you have any issues or concerns you feel we need to address to ensure student success. We are off to a great start, and I look forward to a rich and rewarding school year.

Patricia A. Lynott

Vice President for Academic Affairs

**United Nations Day**  
**Sunday, October 24th**



## University Assessment Committee Update

by Kimberly Bogle Jubinville

The University Assessment Committee is coming off of a productive summer and working on getting the campus ready for the upcoming NEASC self-study year. The summer was spent working with the General Education Committee to develop an assessment program for general education courses. This process includes embedded assessment and the development of rubrics for critical tasks in each course. We are planning professional development to assist faculty to complete all of the materials for new general education courses. More information will follow.

The major initiatives for the University Assessment Committee this year will be: 1) helping departments and programs complete their Program Assessments, 2) compiling all program assessment plans, 3) developing a timetable for campus program review. A Program Assessment plan consists of the mission and goals for the department/program and an explanation of how each department/program assesses them. The template for the program assessment and numerous professional development sessions will be presented to the campus in October and professional development opportunities will continue through the fall and spring. Our committee hopes that each department/program realizes that Program Assessment is nothing more complicated than what they are currently doing, and a plan for what they are going to do. The committee recognizes that we have many unique departments/programs across the SNHU campus and understands that each is different with regards to assessment. Our key goal is to assist you through this process. Please contact Kimberly Bogle Jubinville or any other member of the committee with any questions, and keep checking our website for information

<http://www.snhu.edu/8739.asp>.

### ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

Kimberly Bogle Jubinville	School of Business, Chair
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Vicki Connell	School of Business
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Nicholas Hunt-Bull	VPAA's Office
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Brooke Ratto	Shapiro Library
Michael Tasto	School of Business
Deborah Wilcox	VPAA's Office

In recognition of the change in name from the School of Liberal Arts to the **SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**, the campus community is invited to sample arts and sciences at SNHU:

Life Sciences Lab Demo (“Cheesecake: Dessert or Disaster”)	Oct . 13	3:30 pm	RF 209
New Directions Talk (“Antifacism in a Phototext: Virginia Woolf's <i>Three Guineas</i> )	Oct. 15	3:30 pm	RF 110
New Hampshire Playwright (Saundra Dubow-Azmitia)	Oct. 26	7:00 pm	Walker Auditorium
McIninch Gallery Reception (“Wired Eyes” )	Nov. 4	5:00 pm	McIninch Art Gallery
Southern NH Concert Series (Frederick Moyer, pianist)	Nov. 4	7:30 pm	Dining Banquet Hall
International Student Play	Nov. 17	2:00pm	Walker Auditorium

## Welcome to the Career Corner!

Submitted by Katie Perry



Accounting & Finance Career Night 2010

### Let's get together...

On September 28, 2010, the annual Accounting & Finance Career Night was held. Students and alumni had the opportunity to network with 11 different companies and apply to open internships/jobs. Career nights such as this allow students to start their careers now, and learn about the professional world. Alumni have the opportunity to learn more about companies and expand their career opportunities. In attendance were 65 SNHU students and alumni.

Amongst the employers were Baker, Newman & Noyes, Becker Professional Education, Bisk Education, Caron & Bletzer, Fidelity Investments, Farm Credit East, Howe, Riley & Howe, Melanson Heath, Putnam Investments, The Bank of New York Mellon, and Waddell & Reed. Employer comments included such statements as being *well planned and organized* and *a joy to attend*. Amongst the employer representatives were seven SNHU alumni.

### Just around the corner!

October is a busy month for Career Development and the SNHU community. Students will have numerous opportunities to connect with employers and start their career. We encourage you to promote the below events to students and alumni:

**On-Campus Recruiting: Baker Newman Noyes - October 13<sup>th</sup>**

**I'm graduating. Now what? - October 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Information Session: Avis - October 19<sup>th</sup>**

**V.I.P. Presenter John Hart (1988 MBA Alumnus) - October 21<sup>st</sup>**

**On-Campus Recruiting: Pioneer Independence - (collecting resumes until) October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

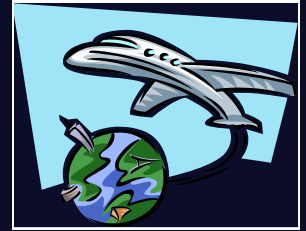
**Career Fair Preparation Workshop - October 26<sup>th</sup>**

**On-Campus Recruiting: Liberty Mutual - TBD**

**On-Campus Recruiting: TCS America - TBD**

Go to [www.snhu.edu/cdc](http://www.snhu.edu/cdc) to learn more about these events.

## Alternative Break Program Volunteer! — Travel!



If you are interested in learning more: come to an info session!

Wednesday

**Oct. 13th @ 2:00pm in STK 8**

Thursday

**Oct 14th @ 12:00pm in RF 104**

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**Oct 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm in RF 104**

Friday

**Oct 15th @ 12:30pm in Corcoran**  
(student center)

**Any questions?**

**Contact Casey at**  
**[serve@snhu.edu](mailto:serve@snhu.edu)**

Halloween  
Sunday, October 31st



## Meet SNHU



Nicholas Hunt-Bull came to Southern New Hampshire University in 2002 from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro where he taught philosophy for four years. Eight years later, he now serves as Associate VPAA at SNHU.

Appointed AVPAA on September 1<sup>st</sup> of this year, Nicholas now represents Academic Affairs on the University Curriculum Committee. He is also on the SNHU Assessment Committee, the National Collegiate Honors Council Small College Committee, and will soon take over chairing the UG Scholastic Standing Committee. He looks forward to joining the team that plans graduation.

Before being appointed Associate VPAA, Nicholas held the post of Honors Director from 2005-2009, and Associate Dean of Liberal Arts from 2009-2010. He has work published in *Assessment Update*, *Enlightenment and Dissent*, *Sports Ethics*, *the 18<sup>th</sup> Century Online Encyclopedia* and *Vera Lex: Journal of the International Natural Law Society*.

Professor of philosophy and political theory, Nicholas is also the advisor of both the drama club, which will be performing *A Streetcar Named Desire* written by Tennessee Williams on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, and the Political Action Organization, a non-partisan club that in his words provides an umbrella for all the political activists on campus. For the school year of 2004-2005, Nicholas was recognized as Advisor of the Year by the SNHU Student Organizations and Leadership.

What's more, you can hear him speak at the Unitarian Universalist church in Manchester where he is known to give occasional sermons. In fact, this fall he will be giving a three-sermon series on the seven deadly sins.

Over the summer, Nicholas went to Washington, DC to participate in the CIC/Center for Hellenic Studies Institute "Ancient Greece Across the Curriculum: Hesiod and the Homeric Hymns." He writes, "It was a course on how to teach using Homer and Hesiod, offered by the Council of Independent Colleges (of which SNHU is a member) and the Center for Hellenic Studies, which is a branch of Harvard based in Washington. It was a great learning opportunity. For a wonderful week I got to be a student again with lots of other teachers from small colleges across the country."

Next year, Nicholas and Doug Blais will be taking a class to Greece. The course entitled, "Sports and Culture in Ancient Greece" is a team-taught SPT/ PHL elective. The class will leave January 4<sup>th</sup> and return on the 13<sup>th</sup>. The ten day trip to Athens will include visits to the Acropolis, Delphi, Olympia, and Mycenae among other sites.

When asked, "Why philosophy?," Nicholas answered it was because philosophy was the only class his freshmen year of college that wasn't easy. He also says, the course had the best reading list out of the ten classes he was considering. Moreover, he fell in love with philosophy after reading Plato's Theory of Forms in the University of Western Ontario's Music Listening room where he says, "I got it!"

Without such a revelation, Nicholas would have never helped transform countless SNHU programs, committees, or courses. Grateful for his work-ethic as well as passion, we wish to welcome Nicholas as the newest member of our VPAA office team.

Submitted by Susan Schragle–Law

At our Senate meeting on Wednesday, September 15, 2010, the following actions were taken and issues were discussed:

### Actions Taken:

1. Senate Officer Elections – Vice President, Cathy Stavenger Secretary, Karin Caruso
2. Course Evaluations – a Senate Taskforce was created to revise the questions on the course evaluations. Ken Nivison and Kim Bogle Jubinville volunteered to work with Nicholas Hunt-Bull. A fourth member will be identified from the Faculty Center.
3. The Senate approved the minor revisions to Academic Governance as presented in the Academic Governance document that was distributed in early September.
4. The current members of the Gen Ed Committee will extend their membership until 2012 since the rollout will begin in September 2012.
5. A member from the COCE Curriculum Committee will join the Senate as a non-voting member to share their committee reports.

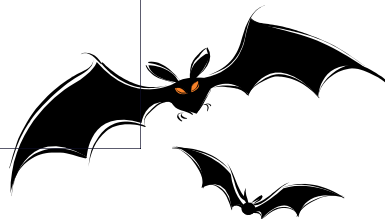
### Issues Discussed:

The Senate had an important discussion regarding the hiring of key academic officers and the role of the Senate in the decision making. The discussion was tabled until the VPAA could have input to the discussion.

### Upcoming Issues

Topics that will be on the Agenda for the October meeting include giving the Graduate Council a stronger voice in the Senate and in academic governance, and discussing reactions to the proposed bookstore syllabus statement issued by the VPAA's office.

For information regarding other committee reports and a more extensive coverage of the meeting refer to the Senate Minutes on Blackboard.



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