

# Academic Affairs

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First Day of Winter  
Tuesday, December 21st

### NOTE FROM THE VPAA

Dear Colleagues:

I recently had the opportunity to travel to three of our overseas, education-partner sites. Two of those partners were undergoing NEASC program approval. Vietnam National University (VNU) in Hanoi delivers our MS –TEFL program, created and managed through our Institute for Language Education, and Seokyeong University (SKU) in Seoul delivers our dual degree program in Accounting/Finance. I am extremely proud to report that both evaluations went exceedingly well. The NEASC-appointed program evaluator reported that both programs meet *each* NEASC standard. He may be recommending some small enhancements to further improve each program, but overall, he was extremely impressed with the quality of the curriculum and the academic oversight of the programs. This success is due to a number of factors, but the single largest factor is the hard work and dedication of the faculty who manage and teach in these programs. I want to publicly acknowledge and thank Professor Karin Caruso, Dr. Gary Tripp, Dr. Larry Pelletier, Professor Denis Hall, Professor Rosemary Orlando, and Dr. Gary Carkin for their extraordinary work on these partnerships. I also want to share with you that we have been told by both VNU and SKU that this is the *first* time an overseas university has been recommended for NEASC accreditation in either Vietnam or South Korea. Once we receive final and *official* notification from NEASC in March, 2011 that these programs have, in fact, been approved (evaluators make “recommendations” to the Commission) we will also verify whether or not we have the distinction of achieving the very impressive honor of being “first”! Again, my *sincere thanks* to all faculty involved in these two important and successful programs.

Lastly, it is my pleasure to announce that Rose Palis, lovingly referred to as “Mama Rose” by our many CED graduates, will be joining the Academic Affairs Office as a Coordinator. Rose will continue to assist our Marketing faculty with secretarial support, and because of her extensive experience working with international students while in CED, Rose will also serve as the on-campus administrative support to Vicky Teo, our Regional Director in Malaysia. Additionally, Rose will be coordinating Scholastic Standing, and we are hoping that she will also be able to provide some assistance to Eleanor Dunfey-Freiburger and Sarah Jacobs in our very important (and ever-growing) Civic Engagement program. We are very happy that Rose will be joining us in Academic Affairs. *Welcome, Rose.*

Patricia A. Lynott

Vice President for Academic Affairs

## Future Chefs in Edible Boston

Future Chefs, a school-to-career program, operates within the culinary programs of four high schools and helps motivated and talented low-income culinary students in those schools improve their culinary skills through one-on-one counseling, peer group sessions and participation in Future Chefs-sponsored events. Future Chefs also helps students apply for scholarships to colleges and/ or culinary schools, as well as helps them find jobs in restaurants and food service companies.

SNHU students who are alums of the Future Chefs program (Boston) are part of a magazine spread in Edible Boston (<http://www.ediblecommunities.com/boston/winter-2011/winter-2011.htm>).

Two of the students, Aquila Collins (Junior) and Paige Hickey (Freshman), are on the cover. There is a picture of the entire SNHU team on the opening page of the article (Page 45) and Aquila Collins is highlighted in the story.

You can read the digital edition at: <http://onlinedigeditions.com/publication/?i=52495>.

### REMINDERS

Thursday, **December 16th**  
University Staff Holiday Party  
Dining Banquet Hall  
from 12:30-1:30pm

Thursday, **December 16th**  
Course Evaluation deadline.

Wednesday, **December 29th**  
Last day to enter grades into PENpal.

## Senate News

November 15, 2010

Submitted by Susan Schragle-Law

### Presentation on Alternative Course Schedule – N. Hunt-Bull

Why are we discussing changing the class schedule?

- To maximize the use of available space to accommodate the need for additional class sections
- For much of our day the schedule is crammed
- The original MWF/TuTh proposal is no longer on the table
- Some combination of 75 and 50 min. sections is likely

Dr. Hunt-Bull will continue to gather information before making recommendations.

### Actions Taken:

**Hiring of Academic Affairs Senior Positions:** The Faculty Senate unanimously approved the formation of a subcommittee to clarify when the Senate should be involved with the hiring of key academic positions. The Senators volunteering for the subcommittee are: Charlotte Broaden, Karin Caruso, Cathy Stavenger. Some of the issues they will be discussing are: criteria/ job responsibilities that would indicate Senate involvement is expected. What is the process and how does a position opening get communicated? How do we define “substantive role”? Should this be limited to just positions in Academic Affairs? (Faculty Senate has no authority outside Academic Affairs)

**Communications Improvement Task Force Identified:** Prior to today’s meeting, Senate officers met with President LeBlanc to talk about COCE and UC governance and how to improve communications between COCE and faculty. During the meeting, President LeBlanc said that COCE has a largely autonomous governance framework, but it is connected to UC around curriculum mainly. He wanted Senators and others who have developed good relations with COCE to serve on a task force to improve communication between the faculty and COCE. The following faculty members were identified: Pam Cohen, Andy Lynch, Kishore Pochampally; and there were two Senate volunteers: Desmond Keefe and Ed Daniels.

### Issues Discussed:

#### **Objectives and Criteria of University-wide Hybrid Guidelines:**

COCE has developed guidelines for hybrid courses. VPAA Lynott would like to see something similar for UC. This would be very valuable for scheduling purposes to have a hybrid policy for UGD. The COCE Hybrid Guidelines will be distributed to all Senators in preparation for a discussion at the next meeting. For information regarding other committee reports and a more extensive coverage of the meeting refer to the Senate Minutes on Blackboard.

**The next Senate meeting will be December 15, 2010 in HOS 202 at 2pm.**

# Welcome to the Career Corner!

Submitted by Katie Perry

## *A Great Get Together!*

On Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, the [Career & Internship Expo](#) was held in the Dining Center Banquet Hall. Held each semester, we invite a variety of employers to attend who are looking to hire SNHU students and alumni. This year was especially diverse according to graduate student Deb Nowicki: "I was thrilled to see the employers who attended and very pleased with the diversity".

With approximately 185 students, alumni and faculty in attendance, the [Career & Internship Expo](#) was seen as a success. Over 100 jobs and over 40 internships were being offered, which certainly allows students and alumni to explore their career opportunities. The employers offering these positions were very pleased with the quality of the SNHU students/alumni and how well the expo went: "The intern/career fair was an excellent experience for Makin' It Happen. [...] We already have one intern that I met at the fair and a few others interested," states Makin' It Happen representative Kelley.

Along with employment opportunities being offered, attendees were also able to network with employers and learn about companies. Director Jennifer Landon also showed over 30 students our career resources: [SNHU Recruit](#) and [CareerShift](#). These resources can be essential to one's job search because [SNHU Recruit](#) is filled with employers who want SNHU students/alumni at their companies and [CareerShift](#) grants access to national job postings and contact information.

If you know of someone who attended the [Career & Internship Expo](#) and needs help with following-up with an employer, preparing for an interview or further resume development, please connect them with us.

## *New on the Block...*

The November 2010 [Featured Intern and Employer](#) have been chosen!

Anthony Haroutunian is currently performing his internship at Waddell & Reed, where he is learning the business and recruitment side of the financial industry. He also represented Waddell & Reed at the Career & Internship Expo to promote the SNHU internship program to others. Anthony's greatest insight into developing his career is learning the importance of networking: "'Networking has helped me achieve new objectives. The contacts I have made [at events] will definitely help me in the future".



Fairhaven Healthcare Center allows students to rotate within the company in order to gain experience in all departments. This 24-hour residential home encourages its interns to develop their communication, interpersonal and critical thinking skills. This is a great internship site for students looking to gain experience in rehabilitation, social services, or human resources.

## *The Battle Has Ended*

Battle of the Resumes has officially ended, and the winners have been declared! With over 35 submissions, it was a close race between the resume submissions; everyone from sophomores to graduate students to alumni submitted their resume to the contest.

The grand prize winner is a graduate student, Vladimir Pavlov, who is obtaining his MS in IT. Second place went to a senior, Ryan-Jean Keenan, who will be graduating in May with her BS in Business Administration and a minor in Finance. Senior Eric Chabot won third place with his resume. After his graduation (obtaining a BS in Accounting/ Finance) he will be working for Baker Newman Noyes. Fourth place was given to graduate student Darya Bushmakina, who is currently obtaining her MBA with a certificate in Social Media.

All winners will be published in our Job Search Manual (accessible through [SNHU Recruit](#) and our [website](#)). Want to know what the grand prize was? [Check it out!](#)

## **Vicki Connell: Cooking Matters™**

Vicki Connell, an Associate Professor in the SNHU Culinary Program was inducted into the Cooking Matters™ Hall of Fame by Share Our Strength during an awards ceremony at its Conference of Leaders in Washington, DC on Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>.

The Cooking Matters™ Hall of Fame recognizes those outstanding volunteers who have been instructors of at least 15 Operation Frontline class series. This equals about 90 classes or 180 hours.

Vicki was the first Hall of Fame volunteer inductee from the New Hampshire Program. She received this honor due to her efforts as a Share Our Strength Cooking Matters™ (formerly Operation Frontline) volunteer chef instructor since the program started in 2000. As a veteran volunteer, Vicki teaches low-income families how to cook healthy, appealing meals on a budget, helping them to provide the best nourishment possible to their families.

Cooking Matters™ is an organization aimed at teaching hands-on, affordable cooking to low-income families through the help of local culinary and nutrition professionals. The Share Our Strength organization is locally hosted by the New Hampshire Food Bank, a program of New Hampshire Catholic Charities, nationally sponsored by ConAgra Food Foundations and locally sponsored by Hannaford Supermarkets.

To learn more about Cooking Matters™ or Share Our Strength's other organizations, visit [www.cookingmatters.org](http://www.cookingmatters.org).

## University Honors News

Two of the University Honors students, Kristin Diezel and Haley Webb, have had paper proposals accepted for the upcoming Northeast Regional Honors Council Conference in Portland, Maine. They are both presenting on their respective Honors 401 projects. Director of the University Honors program, Andrew Martino will be accompanying them to the conference.

"This is exciting and it confirms what we already know about our students—not only are they incredibly bright, but they are incredibly engaged."

—Andrew Martino



### December Holidays

#### Hanukkah

Thursday, December 1st

#### Christmas Day

Saturday, December 25th

#### Kwanzaa

Sunday, December 26th

#### New Year's Eve

Friday, December 31st



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**  
from the Office of the VPAA

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