

OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

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I hope Fall 2016 is off to a great start. It is evident you are committed to our students and their success. I am grateful for all you do in your roles as faculty members and in representing your colleagues as Senators. I hope to make the following update a monthly tradition to provide you with a written update of the report provided by Academic Affairs at Faculty Senate. If there is additional information about these topics that I can add at the time of writing, I will do so.

As I was looking at my calendar for the upcoming months, I found I have several travel commitments that conflict with Senate meetings. Glenn Stokes will ably represent Academic Affairs at those meetings. Additionally, I meet with Kim Shaw each month and encourage anyone who has a questions or concerns to contact Kim or me directly so that we can address any issues in a timely manner. There is no reason to delay a question or concern until an upcoming meeting. I will respond directly to you or get the issue to the appropriate person for a timely response. Thank you again for all that you do.

– Tina Butcher, *Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*

SALARY STUDY

Frank Hardymon, Dr. Stephanie da Silva, and Dr. Alan Tidwell are at work on the Salary Study. They had an initial meeting and will continue their work during the upcoming term. Dr. Tidwell provided a more extensive update of their status during the meeting, which can be found in the minutes.

GRADUATION LOCATION

There has been a proposal submitted to move commencement back to main campus through the implementation of multiple ceremonies. The earliest possible time frame is Spring 2017. Stay tuned as this proposal is reviewed and considered.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Letters to potential members of the Strategic Planning Committee went out around September 1. The first meeting took place Wednesday, September 14. Throughout the process, information will be posted at <https://www.columbusstate.edu/strategicplan/index.php>. Click on the bottom tab, “2017-2021 Strategic Planning Process,” for committee membership, meeting notes, and data used in the planning process.

THE PRESIDENT’S STUDENT SUCCESS COUNCIL

The President’s Cabinet will transition to the President’s Student Success Council. This Council will encompass the work of the Complete College Georgia Council, but will also address

student success issues at CSU on a broader platform. The membership of former President’s Cabinet and the Complete College Georgia Council will be blended together to create the President’s Student Success Council.

GRADUATE SCHOOL CONFERENCE

The Graduate School Conference will take place November 2 and 3 at the Cunningham Center. Deadline for proposals is September 23, and the deadline for presenters to register is September 30. A new feature this year is the 3 Minute Thesis competition in which a student prepares and delivers a presentation of their thesis in three minutes.

FIRST YEAR CONVOCATION: WHAT PROBLEM WOULD YOU LIKE TO SOLVE?

Nearly 50 students attended convocation Friday, September 9, at the Riverside Theatre simulcast. Thank you for attending and encouraging students to attend. Please join me in thanking Melody Shumaker, Mariko Izumi, Kimberly McElveen, Nancy Marino, Lisa Shaw and the ACE staff for planning and implementing this new regalia-free format for First Year Convocation.