

Subject: News and Updates from the Provost

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This email is being sent to all teaching faculty

Dear Faculty Colleagues, it has been a very busy summer and I am writing to give you some updates and news. You can expect to receive more information at President Paino's All UMW Assembly on August 17 and additional updates at the General Faculty Meeting on August 22. Below is information on activity this summer and some reminders about Pre-Week and Orientation.

Staffing changes: As you know, Keith Mellinger has stepped in to serve as the Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. I am pleased to report that Anand Rao has agreed to serve as the Interim Director of the QEP, taking over from Keith. Jeff McClurken has accepted the new position of Special Advisor to the President and Chief of Staff, and this has meant some restructuring in his area—DTLT will continue to report to Jeff but the Teaching Center will now report to Tim O'Donnell and day-to-day management of the HCC has moved to the Office of Events. Cartland Berge is still your main source of contact for using space in the HCC for academic programming.

Dr. Sandra Fritton, Director of the Office of Disability Resources, has announced her retirement effective mid-September and we are currently doing a search for her replacement. The search committee is being chaired by Tim O'Donnell and the committee is as follows: Chris Foss (ENLC Department); Jennifer Walker and Victoria Russell (College of Education); Cedric Rucker (Dean of Student Life); Dave Fleming (Assistant Dean of Residence Life); Rita Dunston (Registrar); Wes Hillyard (Director of Academic Services); and Kyle Danzey (Assistant Director, Center Career and Professional Development).

This fall, we will be conducting a national search for a new Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; expect to see more information about the search, formation of the search committee, etc. in August.

Office Moves: The Office of the Provost has moved from the third floor of GW to the first floor, and Amy and I are now in GW 109; all phone numbers are unchanged. Additional moves include Jeff McClurken now in GW 105, Rick Pearce in GW 111, Hall Cheshire, GW 113; all events staff have moved from the first to the third floor of GW (305 and 307).

Construction: Facilities Services sent out an email last week (July 20) updating the campus on all on-going construction. Two things of particular note: Willard Hall is scheduled for a renovation this coming academic year so there will be construction in that area of the campus and the Amphitheatre is scheduled for its renovation this coming year as well.

Architectural proposals for the project to renovate Seacobeck Hall are under review. The project should start the preliminary design phase sometime this fall. Because the Commonwealth has only approved funding for design activities at this point, it is not yet clear when construction would begin.

Budget: all College and academic departments and units have received their FY 2018 budgets and, as Rick Pearce's email to the University (on June 28) indicated, there were reductions and reallocations across the University. In academic affairs, these reductions were made by the Provost and in addition to our cuts, there were additional reallocations and reductions made at the university level —these are indicated on the budget spread sheets that were distributed to deans, department chairs, and academic unit heads and budget managers. If you have any questions about your budgets, please do not hesitate to contact John Morello or

me.

Fall Pre-Week and Orientation Week Meetings: The entire Pre-week schedule is posted on the Provost website <http://provost.umw.edu/schedule-of-presemester-events-for-faculty/>

This schedule lists all the activity for pre-week and orientation week including required meetings and orientation for new faculty, as well as many optional workshops for all faculty on a range of topics including Universal Design and Accessible Communication, Safe Zone Training, Teaching Technologies, and Green Zone training. COB and COE will hold their annual College day activities and a workshop for FSEM instructors is also scheduled.

During Pre-Week and Orientation week, there are a number of important meetings and events **that all faculty are expected to attend**. I draw your attention to the following:

Thursday, August 17

10:00 – 11:45 am, President’s All UMW Assembly. President Paino will open the academic year with an address and updates for all faculty and staff.

1:30-4:30 pm, UFC and Committee organizing time—mandatory for all UFC and university committees.

Friday, August 18

9:00 am-noon, for all faculty, “Implicit Bias in the Academy—Meeting the Challenge.” Program led by Benjamin Reese, Vice President of Institutional Equity, Duke University.

Tuesday, August 22

10:00 am-noon, Opening General Meeting of the Faculty. This is our opening university faculty meeting and all faculty are expected to attend. As you know there are a number of things that we must do at this faculty meeting and there will be information on several new initiatives and changes for the fall that will be important for faculty to know.

As is customary, this meeting will be followed by lunch for all the faculty from 12:15- 1:30 pm. Department meetings (as announced by academic departments) will follow in the afternoon.

Thursday, August 24

9:00-11:00 am, for all faculty, a program on Student Success, Academic Advising, and more. This session will provide important information on student academic advising and student success initiatives for the academic year.

Friday, August 25

9:00-11:00 am, Common Read Discussion (for those who have signed up)

4:30 pm, Honor Convocation. Faculty robe and line up at 4:10 pm (See the pre-semester schedule at the link referenced above for information about ordering academic regalia.)

Again, locations and other information on all the above can be found in the posted schedule.

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If you have questions about any of the above, do not hesitate to contact me. I hope your summer is going well and I look forward to seeing all of you back on campus in August.

Best wishes,

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