

# Faculty Update—October 12

From the Sandhills Community College Instructional Office

## Department Chair Nomination Process for 2008-2009

The prospect of multiple elections in department chairs and the potential changes in leadership roles in July 2009 has prompted the Fall 2008 nomination and selection process for six department chairs on our campus who will migrate to this role in 2009.

The Fall selection process will pave the way for a sitting department chair to mentor an incoming chair if an election results in a change of leadership. The selection follows the model set in place with the change in the dean of instruction position in 2008.

This effort will also allow outgoing department chairs the chance to break cleanly from the obligations of that role

with the beginning of a new contract period. The departments affected are these:

- ⇒ Transportation Services
- ⇒ Management and Business
- ⇒ Social Science/Humanities
- ⇒ Fine Arts
- ⇒ Nursing

In January, Social Science/Humanities will split into two departments: Public Service (BLET, Criminal Justice, Early Childhood, and Human Services) and Social and Behavioral Science (Geography, History, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology).

Humanities will come under the guidance of Larry Allen,

whose department will now include English and Humanities, including languages and communication.

Nominations and elections for Nursing, Public Service, Social/Behavioral Science, and Transportation began in September, and those nominees will be meeting with the Dean of Instruction later this week to discuss their willingness to be placed on the ballot for elections held in October.

Nominations for Fine Arts and Management/Business will be coming in this month, with elections to be held in November prior to the Thanksgiving Break.

## Teaching Excellence Finalist: Tim Haley

A tip of our hats to Tim Haley, who is one of the five Teaching Excellence Finalists. Professor Haley advanced to this level after a rigorous two rounds of interviews at the NCCCS level. Tim's combination of teaching acumen, public service, and community outreach saw him reach the pinnacle of the teaching profes-

sion in North Carolina. We join the NCCCS in recognizing Professor Haley as a top teaching professional in the state. We are certain that the many community members who have witnessed Tim's talents in Owens and "on the green" join us in congratulating Tim's achievement.

## Items at a Glance:

- The first class of SCC Distinguished Professors was named on September 30th. Please congratulate Alex Cameron, Barbara Cole, Bill Harris, Tim Howle, Cindy Kennedy, Rick Lewis, Judy McInerney, John McInerney, Cliff Stuckey, and Frances Wilson on their individual achievement of over three decades of teaching for Sandhills Community College. The President hosted a luncheon to honor these distinguished colleagues. Next year, that group will welcome retirees who accomplished that feat prior to their own retirement. These ten people combine for 300+ years of service to our college!
- The Great College Retreat participant list is being finalized this week. The November 10-12 retreat at Mid-Pines Resort will bring together the “best and the brightest” from all areas of the college in an effort to build relationships and explore how we continue to move the college from good to great. About 18 faculty members from a full range of programs will participate in the retreat.
- Congratulations to the Management and Business Department, this year’s recipient of the McDonald New Ventures Fund Academic Innovations Grant for 2008-2009. The grant will allow the Business team to continue their work with the consortium of regional organizations (SCC, Partners In Progress, Moore County Chamber and UNC-P) who play a vital role in making the new Student Entrepreneurship Resource Center a success. The McDonald New Ventures Fund Academic Innovation Grant is awarded each year by the Sandhills Community College Development Office. The \$5,000 grant goes to faculty or staff members for use in supporting an innovative project that enhances the academic program, involves students, and improves learning. Members of the Management and Business full time faculty, and Ed Silberhorn, one of our long-time adjuncts, have worked very closely with members of the advisory board to create this proposal.
- The Center for Teaching and Learning will once again sponsor the Scholars Institute for full and part time faculty who are interested in expanding their roles and knowledge in the teaching profession. This year’s focus will be on the mind-body connection in intellectual development.
- Dean of Humanities Rick Lewis has been tapped to provide administrative oversight on the SCC high school outreach initiatives. He is currently serving as interim liaison for the SandHoke program while the college interviews candidates for a new liaison. Nicolette Campos, who served in that role since the program’s inception, has moved to a counseling role with the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. We wish her well and thank her for her service to SCC.
- Special thanks to Linda Chandler and Kristie Sullivan, both of whom have recently served on SACS reaccreditation teams to schools in the Southeast. Their involvement in this peer evaluation process provides SCC with valuable insights which can serve to prepare us for our own SACS reaccreditation efforts in 2012-2014.
- The following opportunity is being provided by the folks in Student Services. Please consider participation in one or more sessions. (New faculty in their mentoring phase are encouraged to attend if you have not done so.)
  - ⇒ The Advising Center will host New Advisor training on October 20, 21, and 22 from 2-4 p.m. in Kennedy 136. Any new advisors – or any veteran advisors who would like a “refresher” course in this effort – should take advantage of this opportunity.