

Faculty Council



NEWS + UPDATES

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Note from the FC President...

Welcome back to a new year and a new semester!

Kimberly Harris is on sabbatical this semester, and I am serving as the FC President this semester. For those of you that don't know me, my name is Rebecca Orr and I teach biology for iCollin. I have been a FT faculty member since 2007 and taught at the Plano Campus for 14 years, but I have taught at the Frisco, McKinney, and Wylie Campuses as well.

We have so many initiatives in so many areas- it is the Faculty Council's goal to serve all faculty across the district. To help ensure that you have information at your fingertips, we have updated the [Faculty Council Website](#) to help you easily find who your campus rep is, what task forces and committees are at work, the chairs and members of each committee, and the minutes of all Faculty Council meetings as well as committee meetings. (A special thank you to Ed Bock for serving as the FC Webmaster!)

If you have an idea you would like explored or a problem you need help solving, we would like to help! Please don't hesitate to contact me at fc@collin.edu or at my personal email address ([Rebecca Orr](mailto:Rebecca.Orr@collin.edu)). I look forward to a great semester and to hearing from and seeing you!

Best,

Rebecca

In Other News...

- Ever had questions about **Dual-Credit** at Collin College? Wondering about what **District-Wide Scheduling** is going to look like or how it will affect you?
 - Invited Speaker, Craig Leverette, VP - P12 Partnerships and Districtwide Scheduling, will be speaking at our February Faculty Council meeting! Plan on joining us at the CHEC or by Zoom to hear more!
- **Reminder:** Our [compensation procedures](#) permit campus faculty to teach up to 60% of their regular load online if 1) online sections are available and 2) they are not needed to teach face-to-face or dual credit courses (see p. 15).

Did you know?

As we enter the time for hiring new full-time faculty, did you know that the procedure for hiring full-time faculty changed in 2022? Please review the [Full-time Hiring procedure](#) that should be followed for hiring all FT faculty.

- The associate dean/director/hiring manager will request the *discipline lead and discipline faculty on the campus to recommend a search committee* meeting the committee composition requirements
 - 4-7 full-time faculty members (Total)
 - One faculty member from outside the hiring discipline in the interview phases
 - 1-2 members from other campuses and within the discipline
 - For departments with limited FT faculty members, there are exceptions (see full procedure)
- The *search committee members will select and recommend the Committee Chair* to the associate dean/director/hiring manager for approval.
- The *search committee will develop the candidate evaluation rubric.*
- The committee members may ask follow-up or clarification questions during the teaching demonstration (does not need to be pre-approved, as it can be specific to the teaching demo).
- The non-committee members present during the teaching demonstration may ask questions about the teaching demonstration and what is presented.
- The search committee chair provides the associate dean/director/hiring manager with the final list from their ranked list of candidates.
- The associate dean/director/hiring manager *discusses any relevant issues with the committee and collaborates with the committee.*

Faculty Accolades...

- **Dr. Ryan Pettengill**, Professor of History at the Wylie Campus, has had an article titled "[Detroit](#)" published by the Oxford Research Encyclopedia of American History for its urban biographies series.
- **Dr. Amina El-Ashmawy**, Professor of Chemistry and **Dr. Michael Latham**, Professor of Economics, were invited to take part in Fostering Community College Collaborations with Disciplinary Societies, NSF-funded virtual workshops, Spring-Fall 2023
- **Dr. Amina El-Ashmawy**, Professor of Chemistry, co-facilitated an Active Learning Workshop, American Chemical Society (ACS) Southwest Regional Meeting (SWRM), November 2023
- **Professor Dawn Headrick**, Professor of Respiratory Care graduated in December 2023 with her MSRC - Master of Science Respiratory Care. Professor Headrick also received a scholarship award, CoARC George G. Burton, MD Student Educational Research Scholarship for their research project entitled "Effect of a Clinical Simulation Technology on the Success of Students on the Respiratory Care Credentialing Exams."
- **Eric Palfreyman**, Adjunct Professor of Philosophy and English, has given a variety of presentations and papers recently including:
 - "Horror: The History and Development of a Genre in Western Literature and Film." Oct 24, 2023. Internal Presentation, Securus Technologies, LLC. Carrollton, Texas.
 - "Reading and Teaching the Bible as Literature -- Considerations and Practicum." October 14, 2023. Association of Literary Scholars, Critics, and Writers – Twenty-Sixth Annual Conference. University of Houston, Houston, TX.

Volunteer judges are needed for the Academic Decathlon held on the Frisco campus on February 23-25. Please sign up [HERE!](#)

Check out our updated [Faculty Council Website](#) (must be logged in to CougarWeb) for our meeting schedule, list of FC Reps, Committees and Task Force minutes, copies of previous newsletters, and more!

The next Faculty Council meeting will be held on Friday, February 16, 2023 in CHEC 107 and by Zoom. Lunch will be served at 12:30pm and the meeting will begin at 1:00pm. Other topics of discussion will include academic freedom, shared governance, board policies that affect faculty, and more.

Please donate to the FT faculty scholarship fund using the QR code below!



Please donate to the Adjunct faculty scholarship fund using the QR code below!



UPCOMING EVENTS...

"In Search of the Black Fantastic: Culture, Politics, and Transformation in the 21st Century" presented by Dr. Lester Spencer

Hosted by the Collin College Black American Awareness Committee

**February 8th, 2024,
11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.**

**Location:
McKinney Campus Conference Center (in-person)
Frisco Campus Conference Center (streaming)**

Open to faculty, staff, and students.

Do you have news or photos to share with your colleagues or questions you would like answered?

Please email rorr@collin.edu so that we can include more faculty accolades or answer your questions in this monthly newsletter!