

NEWS + UPDATES

April 2024 Newsletter

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Note from the FC President...

I hope everyone's semester is wrapping up on a positive note. I am looking forward to summer and some down time.

Your Faculty Council has been hard at work this year- from a new overload procedure to a faculty absence procedure to some key policy changes that will affect how we record grades when we report scholastic dishonesty and faculty international travel... the Faculty Council is working for you.

Spring Graduation is in just a couple of weeks. I look forward to seeing many of you on Friday, May 10 at 7pm at the Allen Event Center. This is a great chance to see some of your former students and share in their excitement! Faculty are such an important part of their day, and we want to convey our support for them. **Please make sure that you are fully present in this event and are not engaged in other activities such as crossword puzzles, electronic devices, knitting/cross-stitching, books/novels, etc.** Also, I am looking forward to a new seating configuration that moves faculty up and around the students rather than in the back of the room!

I want to close the year with a thank you to all of the 100+ faculty that have worked on Faculty Council committees this year. These faculty have given their time to make Collin a great place to work and learn. I cannot begin to tell you how much I appreciate them! We would love to have you join us at our Faculty Council meetings this fall- the meeting schedule is in this newsletter. If you would like to serve on a Faculty Council districtwide committee, look for a survey in your email this August! We have a lot to consider and discuss this fall, including the potential of having differentiated faculty titles (Professor, Assistant Professor, Lecturer, for example). I look forward to working with you all as we examine this opportunity.

Best,

Rebecca

Did you know?

- An important update to Collin College Policy is being considered by the Board of Trustees. The policy, which had its first reading in March 2024, allows faculty to choose to assign a temporary "0" when they submit a student incident report of scholastic dishonesty to the Dean of Students. This will notify students that a report was made and the hope is that the response time to the DOS will be faster. This is due for a second reading soon! When it is approved, make sure to check out the details including the updated information that will be added to the course syllabus.
- If you have ever been asked to speak/travel internationally, you may know that this has historically been limited to once every three years and only with the District President's approval. A policy is due for a first reading this week that would allow the District President to approve international travel without a time constraint. Stay tuned...
- The Faculty Council has worked with administration this year to clarify and update documents defining the Standard Operating Procedures for a number of issues that affect you. These will be posted in CougarWeb for your reference, and will include:

- Overloads Procedure
- Faculty Absence Procedure

This widget is available to all faculty, staff and administrators.

More documents to ensure everyone is following the same procedures districtwide will be coming soon!



- It is time to begin thinking about your goals for next year! Goals should reflect your intentions in being an excellent faculty member, and should support your future MYC applications. Ideally, you will create three goals each year (teaching, professional development, and college service) that allow you to grow as a professional and support your career development.
 - A teaching goal might be learning more about an area or application of content that you would like to incorporate into your classroom. Alternatively, it might be learning more about a pedagogy of interest to you.
 - A professional development goal to attend a state or national conference will grow your professional circle, expose you to new ways of thinking and teaching, and can be supported by COE funds.
 - A college service goal can be to expand your involvement in ongoing, collaborative service with colleagues in the District, allowing you to contribute your skills and talents and learn from others to benefit Collin.

- **Teaching this summer? Summer Office Hours** requirements are "one hour per week for each course section taught." (**Faculty Handbook**)
- **Your 2024 Annual Appraisal is available NOW** to complete in Workday!
- **Reminder: You can now find your MYC status in Workday!** No more waiting for an email or wondering if you need to prepare. To check your status:
 - Log in to Workday and click on your picture in the upper right corner. Select "View Profile."
 - In the left margin, select "Job."
 - In the center panel (under the "Search" tab), select "Employment Data."
 - Your Contract Status will be listed under the heading "Employee Contract."
 - **You are up for a Multi Year Contract application if you are listed as:**
 - C12 - Second One-Year FT Contract
 - CC12 - First COE Contract - Year two of three
 - 3YX.2 (CE2) - Contract Extension - Year two of three
 - **You are up for a Contract Extension IF you are listed as:**
 - CC2 - Second COE Contract - Year two of three

Drumroll please....

The 2024 Outstanding Professor Finalists are...



Tiffanee Arnold
Professor of Dance



Dr. Bishnu Dhakal
Professor of Chemistry



Amanda Oswalt
Professor of English

Casey L. Carter
Professor of Music



Patrick Larue
Professor of Political Science



The 2024 Outstanding Professor will be named this August at All-College Day!
Congratulations to each of these excellent professors!

Faculty Council Election Results

REPRESENTATIVE

Josh Arduengo (2024-26)

Barbara Stern (2024-26)

Lynn Jones (2023-25)

Jenny Warrern (2024-26)

Linda Sears (2023-25)

Jason Smooth (2023-25)

Sofya Antonova (2023-25)

Lauren Angel (2023-25)

Shannon Bates (2023-25)

Diana Gingo (2024-26)

Cynthia Gruver (2023-25)

Bill Ardis (2024-26)

Fredie Williams (2024-26)

Monica Nicholson (2024-26)

Lindsey Brown (2023-25)

Matthew Hamilton (2023-25)

Roberta Cravo (2023-25)

Seema Endley (2023-25)

Rhonda Green (2024-26)

Karen Peterson (2024-26)

Mike Brucia (2023-25)

Misti Clark (2024-26)

Ron Schaffner (2024-26)

Joe Jaynes (2023-25)

Dianne Stroman (2023-25)

Mohammad Tahiro (2024-26)

Krystal Humphries (2024-26)

Brett Adams (2024-26)

Chris DuBois (2023-25) DC

AREA BY DEAN

Streater

Streater

Streater

Murillo-Tinnen

Murillo-Tinnen

Wang

Wang

Richardson

Richardson

Richardson

Powell

Powell

Powell

Peruski

Peruski

Buggs

Buggs

Buggs

Millen

Millen

Coffman

Coffman

Coffman

Gainer

Lee

Babcock

Babcock

Carter/Evans

Moore

ADJUNCT REPS

2024-2026

Lindsey Harris

Plano

Katherine McKee

McKinney

Alyna Nathoo

Frisco

Samantha Kyser

Academic*

Kristi Stevens

Workforce*

Suzan Cameron

Workforce*

*(at-large)

Faculty Accolades

- Congratulations to **Professor Ed Bock's** Calculus III student, Micah Chapin, the recent Collin 2023-2024 AMATYC Student Math League winner. Great work, Ed, for supporting such a talented Collin student!
- **Professor Tonya McMillion's** spec television script for the show Abbott Elementary, "You Can't Spell Education without AI," has won the Best of Competition award from the Broadcast Education Association (BEA) screenwriting competition.
- 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!



Upcoming Events...

- **Jazz Combos concert**, April 26 at 7 pm, John Anthony Theatre
- **Jazz Lab Band and Jazztet concert**, April 27 at 7 pm, John Anthony Theatre
- **Opera in a Box**, April 28 at 3:30 pm, Plano Campus Atrium
- **Opera in a Box**, April 29 at 7 pm, Plano Campus Atrium
- **New Music Ensemble concert**, April 30 at 7pm, The Art Gallery
- **Solo Guitar concert**, May 1, Living Legends Conference Center
- **Spring Graduation**, May 10 at 7pm, Allen Event Center

Mark your calendars for

All College Day

Wednesday, August 14, 2024

The CUTX Event Center from 10 a.m. to approximately 3 p.m.

The CUTX Event Center is in the Villages of Allen at 200 E. Stacy Road in Allen, TX. Lunch and dessert will be provided!

Attire: Jeans and Collin Swag!

2024/25 Faculty Council Meeting Schedule

Day	Date	Location	Time
Friday	August 23	CHEC 107	1:00-3:30
Friday	September 27	CHEC 227	1:00-3:30
Friday	October 25	CHEC 227	1:00-3:30
Friday	November 22	CHEC 227	1:00-3:30
Friday	January 24	CHEC 107	1:00-3:30
Friday	February 21	CHEC 107	1:00-3:30
Friday	March 28	CHEC 107	1:00-3:30
Friday	May 2	TBA	1:00-3:30

The final ***Faculty Council meeting*** of the 2023/24 Academic Year will be held on ***Friday, May 3, 2024 in CHEC 225*** and by Zoom. Lunch will be served at 12:30pm and the meeting will begin at 1:00pm. Please join us for a “State of the Faculty Council” update, Secretary and Treasurer elections, and a celebratory reception for our faculty retirees and our Outstanding Professor Finalists.

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!