NEXT FACULTY MEETING

The next faculty meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 13, 2013, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Campus Center South Lounge.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES


Adlai Binger (Music) and the Albright Angels were guest artists at the “Sweet Soundsations” choral festival held at Central Dauphin High School in Harrisburg, PA on November 1, 2013. This Middle School Women’s Choral Festival was comprised of 180 young women representing nineteen different schools. The participants spent the day rehearsing several selections under the direction of a guest conductor. The Albright Angels performed seven selections to open the festival concert. The performance by the Albright Angels at this event provided the opportunity for the younger festival singers to hear and see singers at a higher level of development providing insight and inspiration. Educationally, the experience enabled the young singers to witness and realize their future performing potential. The Albright Angels gained performing experience in addition to acting as ambassadors for Albright College, and role models for the young singers.


On October 26, Margaret Rakus (Communications) attended the Public Relations Society of America Educators Academy as a panelist on the _Assessing the Real Value of Service-Learning in Public Relations Education_ panel and discussed a working draft of _Developing a Measureable and Sustainable Program-level Active- and Service-Learning Project_.

Rich Schott (Economics and Business) presented “Reaching the Not Easily Reached in Discussion-Oriented Classes at the Northeastern Association of Business, Economics and Technology (NABET) 36th Annual Meeting held October 17th and 18th in State College, PA.

Jessica Kingsley Publishers, London and Philadelphia, the press known for its work in developmental delays, autism, and Asperger’s, among other topics in education, disability and psychology, has announced that T.C. Smith’s (Political Science) book _101 Tips for Parents of Autistic Children_ (with A. Miller) will be released in the US in February of 2014. This is Dr. Smith's fourth book.

The world premiere of Jerry Tartaglia’s (English) new film, A Short History of the Future, will take place this month at the MIX26 - Festival. The work critiques careerist art practices through Leni Riefenstahl's 1932 film, Das Blaue Licht. For more details to view a sample film clip visit: http://jerry501.com/. Also this month through Feb 2nd, some of his restoration efforts on the artistic legacy of Jack Smith can be seen at the Whitney Museum of American Art in the "Rituals of Rented Island" exhibition.

Huy Tran (Economics and Business) presented two papers at the 56th Annual Meeting of the Midwest Academy of Management (Milwaukee, Wisconsin, October 10-12, 2013). Huy presented his research paper entitled “Top Management Team Behavioral Integration, Organizational Ambidexterity, and the Small Firm Performance: An Empirical Study” under the Strategic Management Theory track. He co-authored with his former student, Vincent Giorgio, on the other paper entitled “Silvana Trucking, Inc. and Giorgio Foods, Inc.: A Case Study” which was developed from Vincent’s term paper in Huy’s Spring 2013 BUS498 Senior Seminar in International Business class. The case was presented under the Case Research track of the conference.

Lisa Wilder (Economics and Business) presented a paper "Cultural Change and Work Attitudes in Japan: A Cohort Analysis" at the 75th International Economics Association Conference in Philadelphia on October 11. The paper explored how worker expectations in Japan vary over time and across age groups.

On October 26, Marian Wolbers (English), presented “Poetry as Both Skin and Garment: Rita Dove’s ‘Stitches’ and the Treadle beneath Her Feet” at the "Poetry and Identity" panel at the CAAL Conference, "Celebrating African American Literature: U.S. and Afro-Caribbean Poetry," held at the Nittany Lion Inn at Penn State University, State College, PA.

PROVOST'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

A meeting to discuss the Center for Civic & Global Engagement will be held on Thursday, November 12, at 4 p.m. in Campus Center Classroom 1. All faculty are welcome to attend. If you plan to attend or are interested but cannot attend due to scheduling conflicts, please contact Karen Shuker at kshuker@alb.edu in order to be added to the Moodle site where you can view relevant information.

Dean’s Seminar – Thursday, November 21. Please join the General Education Committee for a discussion of developing courses for the “Synthesis” portion of the new General Education program. Campus Center South Lounge, 4-6 pm; refreshments provided.
New Policies for Non–Tenure Track Faculty:
As announced previously, the board approved the following new policies for non-tenure track faculty: new ranks (senior instructor and senior artist-in residence) and multi-year contracts. Eligible non-tenure track faculty who are interested should familiarize themselves with the details of these policies (available in the handbook on the website) and can then submit an application to the Provost, as described in the policies.

Faculty are reminded that Albright College, along with other regional institutions of higher education, is a member of the Innovative Transfer Network (ITN) (see www.innovationtransfernetwork.org.) ITN is a non-profit organization whose mission is to identify collaborative research opportunities between faculty, students and local businesses and non-profits. ITN has funding available to support such projects. Faculty interested in exploring such opportunities are encouraged to contact Mike Zigner at mcz1@psu.edu.

The Council of Independent Colleges has launched a new “Liberal Arts Campaign” website available at: http://www.cic.edu/Research-and-Data/Liberal-Arts/Campaign/Pages/default.aspx. Faculty may find information helpful to their courses (e.g., FYS) and when speaking with both prospective and current students about the value of liberal arts.

Attached is an announcement regarding this year’s Business Idea Challenge for Berks County college students, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Please share with your students.

Undergraduate Studies: (Joseph Thomas, Dean)

- General Education implementation continues; 86 Foundations courses and 16 Connections are currently approved. A faculty workshop on Synthesis courses is scheduled for Nov. 21.
- First-year Seminar courses for Spring are in place to accommodate the large class, with the usual interesting range of topics (among them, Media Literacy, American Women Poets, Heaven and Hell, The Academy and Human Oppression, and Japanese Culture).
- An articulation agreement was finalized with the School of Public Policy and Administration at the University of Delaware for Albright students to access several masters programs.
- The Dean’s List for Spring 2013 appeared in the Albrightian earlier in the term; 254 students qualified (term 3.75 GPA).
- 162 students are currently eligible for the Society of Jacob Albright Scholars; a members-in-course luncheon took place October 1.

Experiential Learning and Career Development Center (Karen Evans, Asst. Dean)

- Student contacts have increased over 62% from the same time frame last year.
- Applications for Interim ACREs have almost doubled since last year.
- Faculty-led trips for 2013-14 are being planned for Ecuador, England, Peru, and Japan.
- Graduate and Professional School Day attracted 68 schools and over 170 students
- Are You Charlie Brown, the collaborative event with Multicultural Programs and Residential Life, helped 50 students figure out their personalities, solve roommate issues, and think about their future study abroad and career plans
So You Think You Can Network? is scheduled for Tuesday, November 19th. Professionals will help students articulate their value statements (aka elevator speeches) and vote on the top networker!

Two parents of alumni will hold career talks on November 15th and November 18th:
- Joe Monzo, father of Joe Monzo ’13, will speak to business and computer science majors about the future of technology and marketing/consulting (November 15th).
- Robert Rose, father of Rebecca Rose ’13, will visit communications classes, drop in on a radio show, and talk informally over dinner about the effects of technology on the media (November 18th).

Academic Learning Center (Rebecca Lemmel, Asst. director)

- Tutoring: 579 requests, down from 620 last fall at this time, likely in part from having 15 study groups, compared to 4 last fall.
- Disability Services: 86 accommodation requests to date, compared to 64 total last fall. 42 are FR (30 last fall). Regarding digital books, ALC has scanned and converted about 160 books. We have reduced the support received from Reading Hospital.
- Student Appointments: 505, down from last fall. Profs. Warfield and Mislevy and Amanda Hanincik (for international students) continue to assist.
- Academic Skills Workshops: 15 to date with 222 attendees (in addition to the Writing Center event below), a significant increase in workshops and attendance from last fall.
- Search for a new Director in the ALC is in process.

Writing Center (Diane Conrad, Interim Coordinator)

- Statistics: Since the beginning of the semester, we’ve held 937 appointments (approx. 44% more than at this point last year). Of these appointments, 23% have been ADP appointments. Overall, we’ve worked with 432 different clients so far this semester.
- Workshop: We delivered a successful workshop for students entitled, “Top 10 Ways to Improve Your Writing” on October 29 and close to 80 students attended.