

TO: Faculty and Staff in the College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences



Worked with Virginia Tech Dean Laura Belmonte and CHBS chairs to continue dialogues about forming VT-RU relationships for potential 3+2, 4+1, and 4+2 programs for graduate admission

Supported efforts to further expand the services of the Social Media And Research Technology (SMART) Lab, notably with a government earmark proposal authored by Dr. John Brummette

Led college's effort to identify strategies for "Faculty Redeployment" with five faculty programs in the fall, including the pilot of a Living and Learning Community in Criminal Justice headed by Dr. Stephen Owen

In addition, I brought together stakeholders to address these resource-related matters:

Resourced \$10,000 in support for CHBS grants to individual faculty to underwrite several scholarly projects

Conferred with Dr. Carter Turner, Senior Director of University Advancement, to secure a new endowed scholarship for the College by Drew and Nicole Robinson

Advocated for resources like faculty lines, especially those vacated by retirements and resignations

Conducted conversations to examine the viability of the minor in Peace Studies and offerings in Arabic and Russian

## **Searches**

We have conducted the following searches within the College since my last report:

Criminal Justice: Administrative Assistant (Amanda Dean)

Communication: Tenure-Track Assistant Professor (pending)

English: Administrative Assistant (Andrea Simpkins)

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History: Assistant Professor in Virginia History (Dr. Anthony Guidone)

Psychology: Tenure-Track Assistant Professor in I/O Psychology (pending)

Psychology: Tenure-Track Assistant Professor in Social/Experimental (pending)

Psychology: Tenure-Track Assistant Professor for School Psychology (pending)

Sociology: Tenure-Track Asst. Prof./Director of AAST (Dr. Fredrick Douglas Dixon)

Sociology: Tenure-Track Assistant Professor (pending)

Sociology: Full-Time Temporary Assistant Professor (pending)

I have also collaborated on processes for selecting internal leadership positions involving the directorship of the Governor's School (Dr. Tay Keong Tan) and the Director of Women's and Gender Studies (pending). Beyond our college, I have served as a member of the following university-level searches:



*Academic Responsibilities:*

Interface with Ms. Kristina Contreras, CHBS Lead Advisor in the Highlander Success Center, to review all academic petitions and suspension appeals

Review all study away/abroad proposals

Confer with the Director of the Governor's School and the Dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts in managing Governor's School policies, personnel, and budgets, which included identifying a new administrative structure this year

Approve the work of the CHBS Curriculum Committee, including all course revisions and program approvals in the college that flow through Curriculog

*Managerial Responsibilities:*

Draft agendas for and preside over weekly meetings of the CHBS Leadership Team

Meet with individual chairs and directors on a monthly and ad hoc basis to address matters in the departments and school (e.g., personnel issues, resource requests, schedules)

Host semi-annual meetings of our 30-

## **Representing the College**

I was honored to represent the College in the following events

## Scholarship

A few projects came to fruition over the course of this academic year, including:

Published the third edition of *The Power of Comics and Graphic Novels: Culture, Form and Context* with Bloomsbury and co-authored with Dr. Randy Duncan and Paul Levitz  
Edited and published four additional volumes in the Routledge Advances in Comics Series along with co-editor Dr. Christy Knopf of SUNY Cortland

In addition to those, I am still working on the following:

Co-editing the Routledge Advances in Comics Series, with another three volumes in production  
Revising “Crisis Management: Arrowverse Crossovers as Media Consumption Strategy,” co-authored with Trevor Smith, for publication in *Small Screen Supers: Essays on*

Awaiting the publication of