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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Thank you for many of your receptive comments regarding the first newsletter. This electronic format allows me to share information, and highlight the events, opportunities, and resources that are available to members of the Division of Academic Affairs. In this issue, I also have included information about the organization of the division and a directory of opportunities and resources for upcoming faculty grant opportunities.

Some exciting news is that the value of our Academic Affairs achievements can be seen in our increased ranking to 8th overall among public master's universities in the West in U.S News & World rankings released last week. In addition, the Charles W. Davidson College of Engineering is commended for being ranked second in the nation for public engineering programs offering bachelor's and master's degrees. [Click here](#) for the full story.

San Jose State University is fortunate to be located in this rich valley, which during the 1950s once was home to apricot and fruit orchards and earned the moniker, "the Heart's Delight". By the 1970s, with the emergence of the chip industry, our region was renamed Silicon Valley. and instead of blossoming fruit, Silicon Valley now signifies the birth of new ideas and entrepreneurial enterprises. As most of you are aware, SJSU has received national attention for our interest in experimenting with some of those new ideas in the hot new area of technology and teaching and learning (e.g., edX, Udacity). At last, the much awaited NSF-funded report regarding student performance in our Spring pilot of our SJSU+ courses has been released by Principle Investigator Dr. Elaine Collins, Associate Dean for the College of Science. The full report is posted [here](#). In this initial pilot, we intentionally focused on including at-risk and remedial students. The full results from this first pilot lend additional support to existing research regarding under-served students and online learning environments. Statistical analyses reveal that measures of student effort trump all other variables and is the most predictive factor in student performance. The faculty

have learned a good deal, and changes were made to the summer courses to make them more effective. This Fall, the faculty teams will spend more time reviewing the data, enhancing their courses, while the campus addresses policy issues, with the goal of resuming courses again in the Spring.

Our SJSU+ pilot represents one small activity that has generated much attention, but we have so much more to celebrate about our faculty and students. For example, both the President and I want to support faculty in their scholarly, research and creative activities. To that end, I have supported faculty with grant funding and hope to continue support in this area, as well as further enrich the experiences and success of our students by increasing student access to High Impact Practices such as undergraduate research, service learning and other activities.

Finally, I have continued to reach out to many faculty and staff to increase opportunities for leadership. So please join us at my Provost's Forum on Wednesday at noon in the Library to find out more!

Thank you all for your interest and I look forward to seeing you at the Provost Forum on September 18th from 12:00-1:00 in MLK 225-229.

Most gratefully,
Ellen Junn, Provost

Upcoming Events

Provost Forum on September 18th, 12:00-1:00pm in MLK 225/229.

University Scholar Series featuring Associate Professor in Biology, **Scott Shaffer**, Wednesday, September 25th, 12:00-1:00pm in MLK 225/229.

Stand-Up Economist, Yoram Bauman, Ph.D. Hosted by The Green Ninja Project. Monday, October 21st, 4:00-5:00pm in the



Visiting Dignitaries

We were fortunate to have CSU Chancellor Tim White join us on campus last week. If you missed his open forum you can [watch it here](#). One of the highlights of his visit was his

Barrett Ballroom, Student Union.
[Event flyer here](#) (PDF).

The Fellowship for SJSU Faculty Women presents "Get to Know Your Fabulous Colleagues and their Research."
[Event flyer here](#) (PDF)



Our Special Library

The kick-off of a month-long celebration of the Tenth Anniversary of the Martin Luther King Library was held in the lobby on September 5th with comments from mayor Chuck Reed, President Mo Qayoumi, Dean Ruth Kifer, and Jill Boume, San Jose Director of Libraries. See the Mercury News story [here](#) and check the [library site](#) for events throughout the month.



Academic Technology

stellar goal tending during a lively game of Quidditch with our students. The photo made the front cover of the [Spartan Daily](#) and provided the Chancellor with a fun and memorable experience.

Congressman Mike Honda visited campus on September 5th to meet with Minority Access to Research (MARC) Director, Leslee Parr and students in the program. The purpose of the visit was to see the impact of the federal sequester on the program. The full story can be seen [here](#).

Undergraduate Studies

- Camille Johnson, has agreed to chair the WASC Steering Committee. Kathleen Roe, author of our last WASC report, has brought us to this stage and Cami will see us through the end of our accreditation. Thank you to both of our colleagues for this meaningful and necessary work.
- Jinny Rhee, has been named Director of Assessment, replacing Lynda Heiden, now Chair of the Academic Senate.

Academic Technology offers a variety of tools to advance the effective use of current and emerging technologies that will help faculty and students with teaching and learning. To learn more about these tools, please visit the [eCampus website](#).

Please take advantage of the workshops by eCampus on these technologies by [registering online](#).

The Division of Academic Affairs

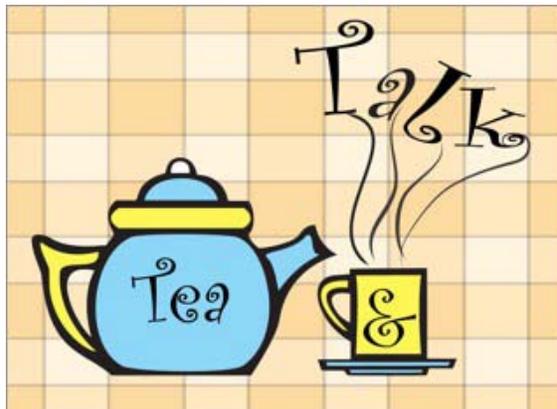
Have you ever wondered how the division of Academic Affairs is organized? Here are some helpful links to the [Organizational Chart for the Division of Academic Affairs](#) (PDF) and the [Academic Administration directory](#) (PDF).

There are many valuable resources available throughout the division.



Grant Opportunities

I am excited to be able to tell you about upcoming opportunities in research



Center for Faculty Development

The [Center for Faculty Development](#) runs the popular Collegial Conversations [Breakfast Club and Tea & Talk Programs](#).

Upcoming presenters include:

- **Stacy Gleixner**, Engineering
9/25/2013 3-4pm IRC 101
- **Maureen Smith**, Child and Adolescent Development
10/9/2013 IRC 101 3-4pm
- **Lionel Cheruzel**, Chemistry
10/10/2013 8-9am IRC 101
- **Mark Novak**, Dean, college of International and Extended Studies
10/23/2013 IRC 101 3-4pm
- **David Kahn**, TRFT and Matt Spangler, Communication Studies
11/13/2013 IRC 101 3-4m
- **Andy Feinstein**, Deputy Provost
11/14/2013 8-9am, IRC 101

Please [check the website](#) to register and to check their calendar for upcoming workshops



support. Stay tuned for an exciting conference announcement, “High Tech, High Touch, High Impact”: SJSU Teaching and Learning conference. This will be an opportunity for you to share what you are doing with your colleagues.

Fall 2013

RSCA Awards. As previewed at the provost’s forum, I will be issuing a call for proposals later this fall for Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity awards. The purpose of these awards is to support faculty research for Probationary, Mid-Career and Full Professor ranks. Awards may include .20 re-assigned time(Fall or Spring Semester) one month summer salary, research expenses.

Grant Development Intensive awards.

Look for a call coming in the Fall for awards that support faculty or faculty teams preparing proposals for submission for extramural funding. These awards may include wrap-around support from GS&R, Research Foundation, Tower Foundation and CFD staff during a 2-day intensive and \$500 in professional development funds.

Spring 2014

Undergraduate Research Awards (URG). Look for the Call for Proposals this coming Spring. These awards support faculty-student pairs and they undertake research or creative activities together. These awards may include up to \$1000 in project r-related expenses, including up to \$500 in

Grant Workshops

The [San Jose State University Research Foundation](#) is offering a series of grant proposal workshops for faculty and staff.

- *Introduction to the SJSU Research Foundation-Focus on Pre-Award*; September 19, MLK Library 255-257, 11:30am to 1:00pm
- *Budget Basics-Developing Budgets for a Successful Proposal*; October 10, MLK Library 255-257, 11:30am-1:pm
- *Compliance (IACUC, IRB, RCR, FCOI)*; November 7, MLK Library 255-257, 11:30am-1:pm
- *Focus on Post-Award and Research Foundation Human Resources*; December 3, MLK Library 255-257, 11:30am-1:00pm

For more information contact Carmina Som at foundation-osp-infoservices@sjsu.edu

student stipend.

Innovative Teaching-Course Redesign Awards. Also coming this Spring. These awards support faculty members' integration of high impact practices and instructional technology into their teaching. Award includes \$2000-\$3000 in professional development funds.

Departmental Student Success Awards. Awards will support faculty teams as they address a dimension of student success of department-wide significance. Award includes up to \$20,000 in project-related expenses.

Resources

[Check these sites for updates and assistance.](#)

The [Office of Graduate Studies and Research](#) is grant central. There are several mandated requirements, committees, and Senate policies that affect faculty research. Graduate Studies, The Center for Faculty Development, and the Research Foundation are the other areas in the division that provide helpful lists and links to aid faculty and faculty-led undergraduate research.

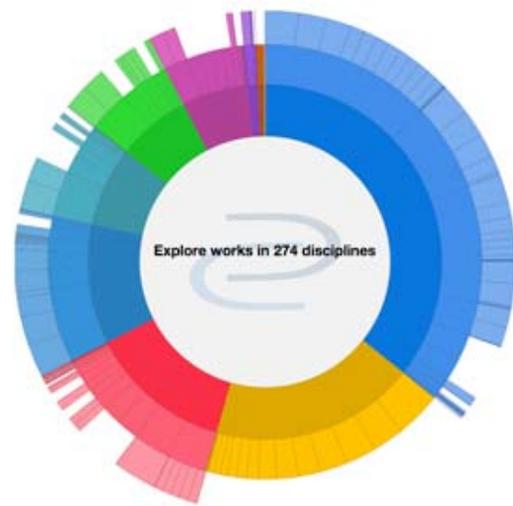
Internal Grants

The [Center for Faculty Development](#) supports faculty research.

Innovations in Teaching: Course Redesign (ITCR) Grant Program.

Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity (RSCA) Program.

Undergraduate Research Grants



Invitation to ScholarWorks

Would you like to share your research with the world? Be indexed in Google Scholar? Collect all of your works one place, have them neatly organized, and preserved for the long-term? If "Yes" is your answer then [SJSU ScholarWorks](#) is for you!

[SJSU ScholarWorks](#) is San José State University's digital institutional repository (IR) service. It represents the scholarship of SJSU faculty, students and staff with the primary goal of providing access to and preserving the unique work of the SJSU community. Visit the [ScholarWorks IR here](#).

Ready to participate? Simply send your current CV to silke.higgins@sjsu.edu, and our IR Team will create an author profile for you.

College of Engineering

Associate Dean Dr. Emily Allen

(URG) Program.

External Grants

The [SJSU Research Foundation](#) provides a number of resources to further faculty research goals. You can sign up for funding alerts through the [Keyword Selection and Sign-up](#) or contact [Nancy Riley](#) for more information.

has been appointed Dean of College of Engineering, Computer Science, and Technology, at California State University Los Angeles, effective November 2.

Fall Provost's Forum

Please join me for the Fall Provost's Forum on Wednesday, September 18 in MLK 225-229 from 12:00 - 1:00pm.

If you have a story you'd like to see in the Academic Affairs Division Newsletter, please email academicaffairsinfo@sjsu.edu

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