

School of General Arts & Sciences Newsletter

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Program/Discipline Coordinators are listed on page 3 of this document.

Important Dates

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| Tues. Sept. 6 | Orientation. No classes. |
| Wed. Sept. 7 | First day of classes. |
| Mon. Sept. 19 | Also known as “Day 10”.
Last date to register for courses > 7 weeks or to withdraw from the College with a partial refund. |
| Mon. Oct. 10 | Thanksgiving. College closed. |
| Oct. 24 - 28 | Independent Learning Week (Week 8) |
| Fri. Nov. 11 | Last date to withdraw from a course > 7 weeks and receive a “WF” on transcript. |
| Fri. Dec. 16 | Last day of classes. |

A message from Judith – our new VPA

Another academic year has begun and it shows the promise of being pretty eventful. As the year progresses, we will see planning for Canada’s 150th birthday and the 50th anniversary of the founding of the colleges in Ontario (for which I am very grateful as they have kept me happily employed for many years) but also the introduction of our new communication courses. We will not stop moving forward In the School of General Arts and Sciences. We have work to do in a number of areas such as renewing and increasing the number of transfer agreements, general education subject and policy review, Indigenous Perspectives Designation expansion and the implementation of the new CICE curriculum. So, it will not be a boring year for sure.

I am sorry I will not be here as the Dean to be closely involved withal of the work but I will be keeping tabs on things in my new role. It has been wonderful getting to know all of you. As I said in the start-up meeting, I will be touching base with you regularly to hear how things are going and so that you can keep me grounded in what is truly the reason we are all here – helping our students achieve their learning goals. Thank you for all of your support over the past year and a half. You helped make a very tough time in my life bearable and often enjoyable through your kindness, humour and stories. My door is always open so please drop by and chat.

Did you know that?

The School of General Arts & Sciences (GAS) has one of the largest faculty group in the College with 38 Full-time Faculty, 75 Contract Faculty & 10 Support Staff. We are the only Academic School that delivers curriculum across all 4 campuses. In the fall semester alone, we are teaching 276 sections of over 100 courses across post-secondary, academic upgrading, dual credit and continuing education classes. Wow!





A message from our Dean – Sandra Dupret

Hello Gas Faculty & Staff:

As the new Dean of General Arts and Science, it is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 2016-17 academic year. While I am not new to the joys and the occasional challenge of the Dean's role, I am new to your School and I look forward to working with you and your students. During my own post-secondary journey, liberal studies was a very important part of my development as a visual artist and provided direction to my focus and research. Later, when I was teaching my own students during their post-secondary careers, I would stress the importance of learning about history, culture, sociology, psychology, etc to help emerging artists learn about context, understanding others, and the world we live in so that as an artist, they could create meaningful and responsive work. Why am I telling you this? Because I know how important the School of GAS is to our students and their education regardless of their program of study and I am very pleased to be able to be a part of your team and to serve you with engaging our students and colleagues. There are many synergies between Haliburton School of Art + Design (HSAD) and GAS that I look forward to exploring and developing with you.

While my home campus is Haliburton and I am primarily located there, you are a priority and I am only a phone call, email or virtual connection away; the College has created virtual meeting rooms at each campus that are available for use. I am also at the Sutherland Campus almost weekly and I will have a wee office in the GAS wing (seriously, it is small but I can only handle one office to keep organized, so it's all good!). I am happy to connect with you anytime. You also have the incredible Sil on site as the Associate Dean for your day to day needs. As you know, she is a great resource and accomplished leader and I am looking forward to working with her.

Over the next couple of weeks, I look forward to meeting everyone. In the meantime, the hustle and bustle of the semester is well underway and I hope that everyone is settling in nicely. Thank you for all that you do and see you soon!

Sandra

Faculty & Staff News!



1. I am very pleased to announce the full-time faculty appointments of Joan Connolly and Thomas Jenkins. Both Joan and Tom taught in our School as Contract Faculty and collectively bring 20 years of post-secondary teaching experience with them.

Joan is coordinating our CICE program and is teaching several courses in this program in the fall.

Tom is teaching our first semester Communications course at Frost campus and has joined the Common First Semester team along with Kim Bell and Tracey Finlay.

Please join me in congratulating them both on their FT Professor appointments.

2. I recently had the honour and pleasure to award Suzanne Hooke with her 30 years of service pin! Suzanne began her teaching career at Fleming on September 1, 1986. Congratulations Suzanne and many thanks for all that you do (and have done) for our students!

Other faculty celebrating service milestones in our School include:

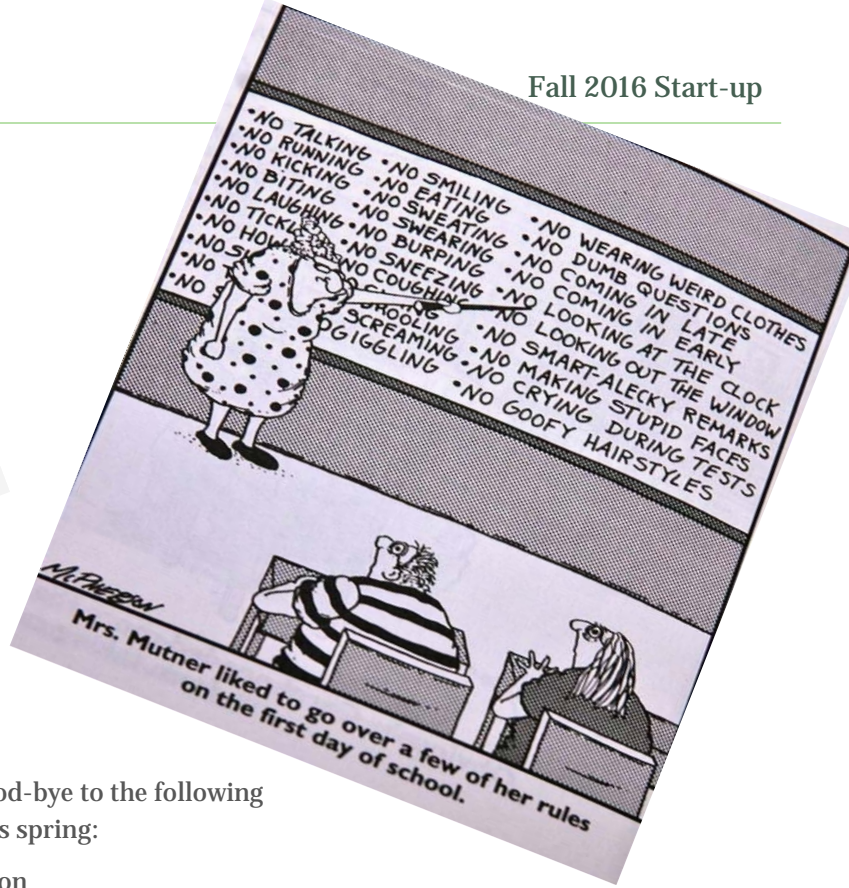
-Leanne Rose – 10 years (September 4, 2006). Leanne teaches Organization Behaviour.

- Teresa Good – 10 years (September 13, 2006). Teresa teaches Spanish courses.

Congratulations to all 3 of you!

3. Join me in welcoming back Erika Burke and Tiffany Brestansky. Erika completed a 1 year sabbatical in the area of e-learning and development. Tiffany returns from a parental leave and is now the proud mom of a beautiful daughter – Sophia.

**Dear Students,
I know when you're
texting in class.
Seriously,
no one just looks down at their
crotch and smiles.
Sincerely, TEACHER.**
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3) We have new faculty joining us across a number of disciplines and campuses. Please join me in welcoming the following new faculty to our School:

- Andrew West
- Scott Cecchin
- Trista Gilbert
- Jessica Bosnell
- Mac Fenwick
- Jacqueline Barrow
- Susan Laidler
- Kathy Pick
- Amy Bowen
- Darren Gethons
- Stephanie Ferri
- Dean Ostrander
- Dee Miller
- Kim Reid
- Liz Stone
- Kyler Amsbury
- Brian Eades
- Jodie Black
- Jennifer Langenberg
- Lisa Plouffe

4) We said good-bye to the following FT Faculty this spring:

- Mike Davidson
- Jacqueline Riley-Gutierrez

Let's try not to hate them too much when you are all knee-deep in grading papers! Seriously – we wish them all the best as they enjoy their well-deserved retirements.

Subject Coordinators

1st Semester Communication – Fred Wood

2nd Semester Communication – Christopher Shields

Computers – Troy LeGresley

General Education – Lisa Stefaniak

Mathematics – Victoria Maystruk

Psychology – Angela Pind

Organizational Behaviour – Rose Manser

Frost-GAS – Kim Bell

Program Coordinators

1. Community Integration through Cooperative Education (CICE) – Joan Connolly

2. General Health & Science (GHS) – Susan Hyndman

3. University Transfer (GSU) – Dennis Vanderspek

4. Preparatory Health Sciences (PHS) – Erin Kirk

Course Ouchlines ... I mean Outlines

Well ... the results are in. GAS did not win the course outline completion competition. As some of you may know, course outline completion results are shared with the Vice-President Academic prior to each semester start-up. The Chairs have a friendly competition going regarding who will have the most course outlines completed by the first day of classes. GAS typically wins thanks to all of you. However, this fall 2016, we were beat by the School of Justice and Community Service.

Thank you to all who have submitted your course outlines by the deadline set in June. As of September 6th, our School had a 98% completion rate.

As a reminder as to why there is so much attention to course outlines being available for students, our College's Academic Regulations states that all students will receive a copy of their course outline by the first week of classes. Students begin to download course outlines in July and continue to do so well into September. Despite our belief that students don't read them, the data suggest otherwise.

Again, to all faculty who completed and submitted both their Annual and Semester course outlines – and to all coordinators who have done their part in reviewing and approving them in a timely manner – thank you! If you have not done so and if you have received an email from me, please keep in mind what is stated in our Academic Regs. If your course outline is still outstanding and you are not sure what to do, please check with your coordinator, with Cristina or me.



Course Outlines

The deadline for Winter 2017 course outlines is **December 5, 2016 (Week 14 of our semester)**. (Yes – you've read this correctly – it is not a typo!)

Once we have finalized FT faculty SWFs, I will be sending out reminders as to this deadline.

There is a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page for faculty and staff:

<https://department.flemingcollege.ca/ao/course-outlines/faqs>.



Are you ready for Week 3? This is where it starts to get real for students and faculty!

1. Have you checked your schedule recently to make sure your rooms have not been changed?
2. Do you know who is on your class roster? Students had the ability to add/drop/swap sections last week so there may have been some changes.
3. Are you familiar with the new Class Absence Operation Procedure? If you have not read it, please do so!
4. Are you aware of the new timelines for Duplicating? Save these numbers. If you are submitting a job to Duplicating, you will need our **Department Code: 42001 as well as the Accounting Code: 53013.**



Have you submitted a photo and brief bio to Cristina so that we can put it on the GAS affinity site? Currently, we have 33 faculty listed but we need all of you!

If you would like Cristina to take your picture, please let her know.

Man ... we're a good looking group!



Have you voted for our new School logo yet? It's not too late. Vote now!



Please let Sandra or myself know of any ideas you may have for P.D. Your idea could be funded through our GAS School budget or through other funds such as the Academic Technology Fund.

GAS welcomes Haliburton School of Art + Design!

As Sandra indicated in her welcome address, we are excited about the future possibilities and synergies that can be fostered with HSAD's two programs that are located at Sutherland campus:

- 1) The Museum Management & Curatorship Program and Cultural Heritage and Conservation Program, are both coordinated by Gayle McIntrye. These programs are extremely unique and fast-paced programs providing students with an intensive, hands-on experience at a post-grad certificate level for students who wish to pursue careers in museum/gallery or heritage sectors. The faculty team consists of Gayle, Deborah Scott, Matt Stimpson, Tina Hayward, Margaret Haupt, Nicole Christie, Laura Cunningham, Luke Despartie and Amy Barron.
- 2) The Graphic Design – Visual Communication Program coordinated by Anita Matusevics. This is an accelerated advanced diploma program for students who will have the opportunity to work in a uniquely designed fast-paced studio space. If you have not wandered down to the KTTC building to see the studio/lab space (KT-D1115), I encourage you to do so. Anita joined Fleming College as a FT faculty member in March and teaches in the program with the following faculty: Tami Fujimoto, Andrew Guthrie, Richard O'Brien, Connie Dolstra, Peter Oliver, Don Collins, Sarah Crane, Luke Despatie, Jake Dudas and Chris Gooderham,

On behalf of GAS, we welcome you and look forward to opportunities to collaborate!



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Upcoming Meetings

The next Academic Council (AC) meeting is being held on September 28. Angela Pind and Tanya Stewart are the faculty representatives for GAS. Agendas, minutes and supporting documents are posted in the Academic Council folder on the VPA affinity site.

2015-2016 was an incredible year for our School. Collectively, our faculty have re-designed first and second semester Communication courses, developed 6 University-level course for Trent University as part of an externally funded project for the Ministry, completely re-vamped our CICE program, re-designed our GHS and PHS programs to meet new provincial standards and benchmarks, started a re-design of Math courses to improve mobility and transferability across programs, and updated and re-vitalized core courses in Psychology and Organizational Behaviour and most importantly ... taught hundreds and hundreds of students key skills in literacy, numeracy and critical thinking. I am so very proud of our School and all that we have accomplished. Thank you everyone for the great work you do.

As we head into the 2016-2017 academic year, we have had some significant curve balls thrown at us within the first few weeks of semester. We have a new VPA, a new Dean and some new academic policies and some new courses running. What's not new is our resiliency and ability to just go with it. Although there may be some other changes that will occur as we progress through the semester, what stays the same is my commitment to you and to our students to deliver the best programs and curriculum we can. As always, my door will remain open. Please come in and let me know how the semester is going.

My sincerest gratitude and appreciation to all faculty and staff who have congratulated me on my new appointment. I'd also like to express heart felt thanks to Cristina who has kept me sane and anchored through this transitions. Thank you for your patience, humour, persistence, creativity and willingness to support me.

Some of have asked me what this new appointment means or how may job has changed. The truth is, it's really not that different from what I was doing before as Chair. The biggest difference is that I will now have the pleasure of working with Sandra as our Dean (I hope her sense of fashion and creativity rub off on me ☺), and with faculty and students in new and exciting programs from the Haliburton School of Art + Design. I am looking forward to this opportunity but also recognize that it will stretch me thin sometimes. So, in anticipation of some days where I'm going a little crazy, my apologies in advance if I appear frazzled, short-tempered, annoyed or frustrated. Trust me ... it's not you – it's me! I ask for your continued patience as I work through stuff like over-flowing classrooms, classes over cap, students who are not registered but show up, students who do not show up but are registered, etc. I will try to remember why we are all here – our students!

Have a great semester everyone and above all - have fun! Count down to week 8 is on!

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