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November is the month we celebrate Thanksgiving Day, and likewise, I would like to thank everyone for the continued patience and communication as we navigate the fall semester.

Many of you have been participating in screening committees so that we may bring in new faculty, staff, and administrators to carry out FSW’s mission. I would like to thank you for your service to the College as I recognize the amount of time and effort that goes into reviewing application materials, conducting interviews and search events, and selecting candidates.

Thanks also go to the members of the Academic Standing Committees, as well as the ad hoc committees that provide recommendations in all academic areas to the Provost’s Office. The work of these committees extends beyond the monthly meetings and can often be time intensive. Through these committees we are able to cooperatively enact shared governance, so I thank you for this most important work.

Some recent examples of shared governance include the establishment of a Mental Health Matters Committee, co-chaired by Dr. Wendy Chase and Dr. Mark Bukowski. This committee provides recommendations to the administration about Mental Health support and education for the FSW Community. Additionally, an Adaptive Services Advisory Committee is being formed in order to draw upon faculty expertise when determining and supporting reasonable accommodations in the classroom. The Faculty Senate President, Dr. Martin Tawil, is working with Dr. Christine Davis to establish the membership and create a meeting schedule.

Also in the spirit of shared governance, in response to a suggestion from Faculty Senate leadership, the Academic Committee Meeting schedule was modified by the Provost’s Office so that the fourth Friday of each month would be free of standing meetings. This has allowed the Teaching and Learning Center (TLC) to develop "PD Friday," which gives faculty and staff the opportunity to attend a variety of professional development workshops and network with colleagues across disciplines during breakfast, lunch, and coffee breaks. These sessions were well-attended in September and October. I would like to give thanks to the facilitators of the workshops and all who participated. I encourage everyone to view future session offerings and register at www.fsw.edu/trainingcalendar.

Finally, I would like to give thanks for all that each and every one of you do to transform student lives at Florida SouthWestern State College. I am thankful to work with an amazing team of professionals dedicated to supporting student success.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Mike Sauer, professor of Marine Science, served as a panelist at the Southwest Florida Water Quality Science, Policy, & Economic Impact Seminar hosted by the Chamber of Southwest Florida. The panel discussed how government, business, and concerned citizens are addressing the red tide bloom off the Gulf Coast and blue-green algae in the rivers and canals of the Caloosahatchee.

Dr. Mary Conwell, chair of Paralegal Studies, was selected to serve as a site team member for the American Bar Association for the ABA re-approval visit. Dr. Conwell stated that serving as a site team member “has been one of my most rewarding and meaningful professional experiences as a Paralegal Studies professor.”

FSW Writes hosted fiction author Alissa Nutting, author of the story collection Unclean Jobs for Women and Girls, as well as the novel Tampa. Her latest book Made for Love: A Novel is a poignant, riotously funny story of how far some will go for love—and how far some will go to escape it. Participants enjoyed Nutting’s candor, enthusiasm, and interactions with the audience.

Teacher candidates from the School of Education make learning math fun at Family Math Night. The event welcomed young students and their families to campus to learn math through fun and interactive activities. JoAnne Devine, professor of Elementary Education, organizes this event each semester.

Angie Vitale, professor of Nursing, presented “Think Like a Nurse” as part of FSW’s Critical Thinking Lecture Series. Students enjoyed learning about the ongoing critical thinking process of a nurse to assess, diagnose, plan, implement, and evaluate. Students had the opportunity to practice thinking like a nurse through interactions with several anatomical models used by students in the nursing program.

During Mental Health Awareness Week, the Honors Scholar Program organized Movies for Mental Health, an event where participants watched short films created by students from across the nation. After the screening of each short film, Professor Terri Housley engaged the audience in a discussion designed to shed light on mental health issues.

The Thomas Edison Black Maria Film Festival returned to FSW for its 37th anniversary. In honor of Thomas Edison’s pioneering spirit in cinema, this festival celebrates the creative vision of contemporary independent directors by showcasing an eclectic variety of bold short films. Thanks to Dr. Wendy Chase and the Honors Scholar Program for coordinating the event. This year the film festival raised over $500 for FSW’s Sustainability Club.
Students, faculty, and staff in FSW’s Respiratory Program celebrated Respiratory Care Week through various events and activities. Respiratory Care Week is intended to raise respiratory health awareness and recognize respiratory therapists. FSW’s Respiratory Week celebrations concluded with a campus cook-out. Pictured to the right are FSW Respiratory students with Sindee Karpel, professor of Respiratory Care, Jean Newberry, program director, Robert Davis, program director, and Dr. Eileen DeLuca.

The Delta Zeta Chapter of Kappa Delta Epsilon (KDE), the School of Education’s honors fraternity, fundraised over $2,000 for Autism Speaks, placing FSW in the top five fundraisers for the Autism Speaks Walk in Southwest Florida. School of Education Chair and KDE Advisor, Dr. Joyce Rollins, Dr. Larry Miller, and Dr. Julia Kroeker joined KDE students for the walk.

Professor Ihasha Horn and Dr. Brandi George along with FSW’s Creative Writing Club hosted Poetry, Prose, and Rhythm an open-mic style reading and performance event under the stars in the Inspiration Garden. The event served as a fundraiser with proceeds going to help fight cancer.

Dr. Martin Tawil presented “Top 10 Reasons Why People Fail” as part of FSW’s Critical Thinking Lecture Series. Students remarked that the presentation was encouraging, inspiring, and challenged them to never give up and to believe in themselves.

The One Book, One College Common Read Committee would like to thank faculty for their title recommendations and participation in the selection process for FSW’s first common read. Based on faculty survey responses the committee selected 21 Lessons for the 21st Century by Yuval Noah Harari. Faculty ranked 21 Lessons for the 21st Century highest in relation to course relevance, likelihood of usage, and perceived student interest among the six potential titles. The committee is excited to work with faculty to explore ways to incorporate themes found in the text into FSW courses and co-curricular programming.
Professors awarded Master Teacher recognition for the 2018-2019 academic school year will be presenting the Master Teacher Seminar Series. **Prof. Terri Housley** will present “What’s the Point? A Backward Approach to Designing Effective Instruction.” **Prof. Laurice Garrett** will present a session on Gen Z, called “Move Over Millennials! Here comes Generation Z.” Honoring the legacy of **Dr. James Langlas**, a workshop will be led by his colleagues on his book *Heart of a Warrior: Seven Ancient Secrets to a Great Life*. Visit the TLC training calendar for presentation dates and times.

**Professor Kim Hilton** also known as “Chemical Kim” encouraged students to be curious through her critical thinking lecture “Making Chemistry -198.5 Degrees of Cool.” Students enjoyed participating in science through the use of physical examples and demonstrations. Students remarked that the presentation was interesting, amazing, and that they are now excited to take Chemistry at FSW.

**Arenthia Herren**, with the support of State Senator Kathleen Passidomo and the Provost’s Office, has applied for one of thirty spots nationwide to complete the Open Educational Resources (OER) Librarianship Certificate Program sponsored by the University of Minnesota. The program develops effective open education program leaders who will serve as stewards and advocates for open educational resources. Arenthia currently serves as the lead librarian for OER at FSW.

**Dr. Rebecca Gubitti** is the advisor of the newly formed Active Minds club on the Thomas Edison Campus. Active Minds is a national organization dedicated to supporting mental health awareness and education for college students. The Active Minds organization strives to change the conversation about mental health by empowering students to speak openly about mental health, reducing stigma, encouraging help-seeking, and preventing suicides.

**Myra Walters**, professor of speech, and the TLC hosted Dr. Stephen Brookfield, who specializes in adult learning, teaching, and critical thinking. Dr. Brookfield delivered a keynote titled “Becoming a Critically Reflective Teacher” where participants were challenged to view their teaching from the student’s viewpoint. Additionally, Prof. Walters and the TLC invites to submit a proposal for this year’s Southwest Florida Symposium on teaching and learning. The symposium will focus on how to promote inclusion and belonging in the educational community and is scheduled for Jan. 22nd, 2019 at FGCU and Jan. 23rd, 2019 at FSW. For more information and to submit a proposal, please visit survey.fgcu.edu/symposium.aspx.
The Elementary Education Program hosted its semi-annual job fair for graduating teacher candidates. Partners from all five school district attended the event, as did several charter schools. For the 5th consecutive semester, 100% of program graduates were offered at least one employment contract.

The School of Business and Technology will offer students interested in the insurance field the opportunity to earn a college credit certificate (CCC) in Risk Management and Insurance Management beginning in the 2019 spring term as part of their Associate in Science Degree in Business Administration and Management. FSW is one of only 13 Florida Colleges designated to offer this attractive option. According to the Florida Association of Insurance Agents (FAIA), the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity estimates the insurance industry will add more than 6,000 new jobs a year through 2025 and will need to fill more than 8,000 positions opened by retiring workers. To fill these gaps, the FAIA has begun working with Florida state colleges to offer risk and insurance management programs.

The Nursing Program celebrated its 50th anniversary on Saturday, October 20. Program alumni, current students, future nursing students, faculty, and community partners joined in the celebration. The celebration brought former classmates together, allowed alumni and prospective students to tour the nursing simulation lab and museum of medical history. Linda Reese (pictured to the right with Dr. Selman, Interim Associate Dean of Nursing) received the award for being the earliest graduate in attendance at the 50th anniversary celebration. Reese graduated from Edison in 1975 and is still working part-time in endoscopy. Gail Tracey graduated from Edison in 1978 and just recently retired. Her advice for current students is to “follow your passions, allow time to rejuvenate, and be good to yourself.” The celebration provided an opportunity for all in attendance to celebrate the history and continued success of the FSW Nursing Program.

Congratulations to FSW’s Collegiate High Schools for being recognized as a School of Excellence by the State Board of Education. To earn the School of Excellence designation, schools must receive a grade of A or B in each of the most recent three school years and rank in the 80th percentile or higher for their school type at least two of the last three school years.

The Florida SouthWestern Collegiate High School Model United Nations (MUN) delegates and their sponsor, Teresa Palmer, hosted the Florida Model United Nations (FSHMUN) conference on October 13-14th at the FSW Charlotte campus. Over 200 high school and middle school delegates attended the conference. Model United Nations is an extra-curricular activity in which students role-play as delegates to the United Nations and simulate UN committees.
In recognition of National STEM Day on Thursday, Nov. 8, FSW will present a STEM Panel at 12:30 p.m. The STEM Panel will feature three Southwest Florida women who have built their careers in STEM fields.

Reema Bhatia is the founder and managing partner of Stickboy Creative, co-founder and managing partner of Vectra Digital. Pricilla Doyle is a forensic death investigator with the District 21 Medical Examiner’s Office, and Kelly Sloan is coordinator of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation Sea Turtle Program. The event will be live on the Thomas Edison Campus in AA-177 and available via Polycom on Collier: M-201, Charlotte: O-117, and H/G: A-114.

FSW Theatre Program Presents the Florida Premier of “Wellesley Girl” at the Black Box Theatre (L-119). “This is a new play written in 2016 and premiered at the Humana Festival at Actor’s Theatre of Louisville,” said Stuart Brown, professor, theatre. “The play is funny and smart, but ultimately, dark. It is also quite relevant to Florida today.” This play contains adult language and themes. The production runs Nov. 8-10 and Nov. 15-17. Tickets are $10 and are available at https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3796013. Performances begin at 8 p.m. with additional matinees at 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

The School of Education will host Pop-Up Adventure Play from 1 – 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 10 at the practice field (across from Lockmiller Child Care Center) on the Thomas Edison Campus. Children of all ages are invited to participate.

FSW celebrates International Education Week (IEW), a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education. International Education Week is Nov. 12—16. The Center for International Education Week will host the following events.

Tuesday, Nov. 13: Peace Corps and the Global Community at 11a.m. in J-103
Critical Global Issues: Sustainability Tables 12-2 p.m. outside of Taeni Hall


Thur., Nov. 15: Annual Diversity Celebration - events are scheduled 12:30 p.m. – 6 p.m. on the lawn behind building I

The music department is hosting a free concert series at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall. The event is free with open seating. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the concert begins at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 13 – FSW Jazz Ensembles
Tuesday, Nov. 20 – FSW Concert Band
Tuesday, Dec. 4 – FSW Orchestra and Choir

FSW’s Rock Ensemble will host its first concert on Wednesday, Nov. 28. The show will feature rock classics, blues, and current rock. The “Salty Dogs,” a rock ensemble composed of FSW faculty will open for the student band. The concert will be held in the Rush Auditorium (J-103) and is free and open to the public. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the show starts at 7:00 p.m.