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News for the Faculty and Staff of Western Carolina University

Reorganization Proposal Would Create Two New Colleges

Western's board of trustees reviewed a plan to create two new colleges — one focusing on the arts and one on health professions — as part of a revamped organizational structure designed to support the strategic plan, improve service to students and make better use of university resources.

Under the plan, which will come back to the trustees for final approval in September, programs in music, art, broadcasting, motion pictures, theatre and dance will be split from the existing College of Arts and Sciences to form the College of Fine and Performing Arts. The new college also will include the interior design program, now housed in the College of Applied Sciences.

The College of Applied Sciences will be reorganized into two units — a new college for health and human sciences programs, and the existing Kimmel School of Construction Management, Engineering and Technology, which will be headed by a dean reporting directly to the provost.

The health and human sciences college, yet to be given a formal name, will include nursing, physical therapy, applied criminology and social work from the College of Applied Sciences, and will incorporate communication sciences and disorders from the existing

College of Education and Allied Professions.

Other changes include the relocation of screenwriting from the department of English to a new School of Broadcasting and Motion Pictures within the College of Fine and Performing Arts, which also will house a School of Art and Design and a School of Music. Embedded within the College of Health and Human Sciences will be a School of Nursing and a School of Health Sciences. Each school will be headed by a director, who reports to a dean.

The College of Business will become the new home for the sport management program, currently housed in the department of health and human performance within the College of Education and Allied Professions, and for the public relations program, now a part of the department of communications in the College of Arts and Sciences.

The department of psychology will remain in the College of Education and Allied Professions for now, said WCU Provost Kyle Carter in presenting the first reading of the reorganization plan to the trustees Friday, June 2. "In the fall, I will respond to the chancellor's directive to review the psychology department and examine whether we should consider keeping school and educational psychology in its existing college and moving the other psychology

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REMEMBERING A FRIEND – As members of the Western Carolina University community look on, Anne Loughlin, wife of the late Malcolm Loughlin, helps plant a tree in her husband's memory outside the University Outreach Center. Loughlin, who died in January after a long battle with cancer, came to WCU in 1977 from Aberdeen, Scotland. He held a number of teaching, coaching and administrative positions during his 28-year association with the university, including associate dean of the Division of Distance and Continuing Education (now the Division of Educational Outreach).

Richard Beam Elected Chair of Faculty Senate

Newton Smith, associate professor of English, is turning over the gavel of the chair of the WCU Faculty Senate to Richard Beam, associate professor of theatre arts, effective July 1.

Also elected to leadership positions on the Faculty Senate are Sheila Chapman, assistant professor of nursing, as vice chair, and Laura Cruz, assistant professor of history, as secretary.

Newly elected members of the Faculty Senate are Lydia Aydlett, assistant professor of psychology; Philip "Ted" Coyle, associate professor of anthropology and sociology; David Dorondo, associate professor of history; Casey Hurley, professor of educational leadership and foundations; Mary Karlet, director of the certified registered nurse anesthetist program; Kevin Lee, assistant professor of communication; Marylou Matoush, assistant professor of birth-kindergarten, elementary and middle grades education; Sharon Metcalfe, assistant professor of nursing; Sean O'Connell, assistant professor of biology; Krista Schmidt, assistant professor/reference librarian; and Lori Seischab, assistant professor of biology.

Patricia Bailey, associate professor of art, and Barbara Bell, assistant professor/director of the Reading Center, were named co-chairs of the faculty affairs council. Chair positions for the academic policy and review council and the collegial review council will be appointed in the fall.



CRUISING ACROSS CAMPUS – Erskine Bowles (foreground) gets a lift across campus from Chancellor John W. Bardo during the University of North Carolina system president’s recent visit to Western. Bardo was demonstrating to Bowles an electric car purchased by WCU’s Kimmel School of Construction Management, Engineering and Technology through a grant from Verizon. Bowles, who took office in January, was in Cullowhee on Thursday, June 1, to discuss a variety of university initiatives with WCU administrators.

Windfall Leads To Staff Scholarships

The board of trustees unanimously agreed at its quarterly meeting Friday, June 2, to convert a stock windfall of nearly \$1 million into a new endowed scholarship fund designed to benefit university employees and their family members who choose to attend WCU.

The money is the result of the reorganization of a company that, until 2001, provided voluntary life insurance to WCU employees. When that company (Prudential) changed from a mutual insurance company to a stock company, the university as a customer became the beneficiary of stock equal to the value of the business relationship – which is now about \$930,000.

“We were looking at the best opportunity to use that money to the benefit our employees,” Chuck Wooten, vice chancellor for administration and finance, told the board in recommending approval of the new fund.

Interest earned from the endowed scholarship fund approved by the trustees will provide nearly \$42,000 a year in financial assistance to full-time WCU employees and members of their immediate families, with the amount of scholarship assistance expected to grow as the fund accrues additional interest over time, Wooten said.

Details of the scholarship fund will be finalized by the trustees and its endowment board.

Steve Warren, chairman of the board of trustees who has been a vocal advocate of WCU staff members, called the windfall and the decision to use it to establish a scholarship fund to benefit employees and their families, “fortuitous and wonderful.”

Annual Water Quality Report Available

This is one test everyone associated with Western Carolina University will be glad to hear was passed with flying colors. The drinking water on the WCU campus once again has exceeded all state and federal standards, according to the results of an annual report examining the quality of water.

Complete reports detailing the quality of drinking water on the WCU campus and the quality of the university’s wastewater collection system may be found on the Web at <http://admfin.wcu.edu/plant/test/reports.htm>.

► **Josh Whitmore**, director of outdoor programs, recently authored the article “Examining the Usefulness of the Dispositional Flow Scale for Outdoor Recreation Activities” in the Proceedings of the Northeastern Recreation Research Symposium. Whitmore also is co-author, along with William T. Borrie and Stephan F. McCool, of the article “Wildland Fire Effects on Visits and Visitors to the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex” in the International Journal of Wilderness.

► **Glenn Bowen**, director of service learning, will make a presentation on “Exemplary Leadership Practices and Social Change: An Experiential Learning Approach” at the 10th International Conference on Experiential Learning. Hosted by Brathay Academy in partnership with the International Consortium for Experiential Learning, the conference will be held July 10-14 in Lancaster, U.K.

► **Kevin C. Lee**, assistant professor of communication, will speak on the topic “International Distance Courses with Videoconferencing: Designs, Benefits and Challenges” at the European conference of the International Association of Online Communicators June 15 and 16 in Brussels, Belgium.

► **Miles McGinty**, visiting assistant professor of German, was named Jackson County’s “Peacemaker of the Year” for 2006 by Mountain Mediation Services, a multi-county agency headquartered in Bryson City. McGinty was honored at a special ceremony held a Lulu’s in Sylva in April.

► **Brad Sims**, director of the construction management program, had his article “Construction Management as a College Major and its Effect on the Economy” published in the May/June issue of *Builder/Architect*.

► **Bill Haggard**, associate vice chancellor for student affairs, was a co-presenter on “Suicide Policy: Trends, best practices, legal and policy issues in suicide prevention and intervention on college campuses,” an audio conference produced by PaperClip Communications on May 11.

► **Rob Young**, associate professor of geosciences, was part of a select group of 40 engineers and scientists from around the world who gathered in New Orleans in April to examine ways to protect the fragile wetlands of the Gulf Coast. The symposium, “Using Engineering and Science to Protect Communities, the Economy and the Ecosystem,” is designed to bring together experts to develop maps of coastal Louisiana’s rivers, marshes and barrier islands and to identify technically sound options for protecting and restoring coastal resources.

► **Russell Teasley**, assistant professor of project management, made a recent presentation entitled “Virtual Teams” to the Project Management Institute’s Palmetto Chapter in Greenville S.C.

► **Jayne Zanglein**, visiting instructor of marketing and business law; **Cheryl Johnston**, assistant professor of anthropology; and **Mary Lou Matoush**, assistant professor of birth-kindergarten, elementary and middle grades education, presented “My PACE or Yours?” at The Teaching Professor Conference in Nashville on May 21. The presentation discussed pedagogy and the pace of the semester, as set by the professor and the students. PACE stands for Professor-Assisted Collaborative Engagement.

► **Vital Anantatmula**, assistant professor of project management, has had his article “Knowledge Management Criteria for Different Types of Organizations” accepted for publication in the International Journal of Knowledge and Learning.

WCU 2006 Calendar

June 12 – July 22

June

Mon., June 12–Fri., June 16

Camp—“Art Around the World.” \$.
9 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Room 104, FAPAC.
(227-3688)

Mon., June 12–Fri., June 30;

Mon., July 3–Fri., July 21

Youth Swim Program—ages 6 and older.
\$ 8:45–11:30 a.m. Reid Gym. (227-7397)

Mon., June 12–Fri., June 16;

Mon., June 19–Fri., June 23

Tiny Tot Swim Program—ages
6 months–5 years. \$ 5:15–7 p.m.
Breese Gym. (227-7397)

Tue., June 13

Brown-bag luncheon—learn about
Innovate, a journal of online education.
Noon–1:30 p.m. Cardinal Room, UC.
(227-2093)

Wed., June 14

Web and audio conference—“Facebook
on Campus: Understanding the Issues.”
1–2:30 p.m. Multipurpose Room, UC.
(227-7234)

Thu., June 15; Tue., June 20;

Mon., June 26

State Health Plan meeting—general
information about three new PPO options
available. Registration required. 9–11 a.m.
MHC.

Thu., June 15

Summer Concerts at the UC—Cooking
With Quanta. 7 p.m. Lawn, UC. (227-7206)

Fri., June 16–Sat.,

June 17

Summer Movies at the UC—
“Hoodwinked” (PG). \$ Theater, UC.
(227-7206)

Sat., June 17

Catamount Scholarship Auction—
Renaissance Hotel, Charlotte. (227-2530)

Sun., June 18–Tue., June 20

Camp—girls’ individual basketball camp,
grades 4–12. \$ RRAC (227-2011)

Sun., June 18–Wed., June 21

Camp—track & field individual event. \$.
CAC. (227-2027)

Sun., June 18

Gallery talk—“Collections in Focus:
Martin DeWitt’s Five Myths of the Art
World.” 2 p.m. Fine Art Museum, FAPAC.
(227-3591)

Spring into Summer—“Regional Reptiles.”
2:30–4:30 p.m. MHC. (227-7129)

Sizzlin’ Summer Shorts Series—“War
Bonds: The Songs and Letters of World
War II” (musical cabaret). \$ 3 p.m.
FAPAC. (227-2479)

Mon., June 19–Wed., June 21

Concert—Mountain Dulcimer Week
musicians. \$ 7:30 p.m. HA. (227-7397)

Mon., June 19–Thu., June 22

Camp—youth softball all skills, grades
K–7. \$ 9 a.m.–3 p.m. CSC. (227-2532)

Mon., June 19–Fri., June 23

Camp—“Mountain Mysteries,” rising
fourth and fifth graders. 8:30 a.m.–noon.
MHC. (227-7129)

Mon., June 19

Summer Concerts at the UC—Alex
Florez. 9 p.m. Atrium, UC. (227-7206)

Wed., June 21–Sat., June 24

Camp—boys’ basketball camp, high
school and AAU teams. \$ RRAC.
(227-2020)

Thu., June 22

Service Booster Thursday—“Advanced
Customer Communications.” Registration
required. 2–3:30 p.m. Room 203,
Field House.

Summer Concerts at the UC—The
Cassidy Brothers. 9 p.m. Atrium, UC.
(227-7206)

Fri., June 23–Sat., June 24

Summer Movies at the UC—“Glory
Road” (PG). \$ Theater, UC. (227-7206)

Sat., June 24–Sun., June 25

Camp—girls’ basketball camp, high
school and AAU teams. \$ RRAC.
(227-2011)

Sun., June 25

Crafts at the Center—“Shaker Boxes.”
2:30–4:30 p.m. MHC. (227-7129)

Mon., June 26–Tue., June 27

Camp—softball pitching and catching,
grades K–12. \$ 9 a.m.–3 p.m. CSC.
(227-2532)

Mon., June 26–Thu., June 29

Day camp—boys’ basketball camp,
grades four–12. \$ 9 a.m.–1 p.m. RRAC.
(227-2020)

Mon., June 26–Fri., June 30

Cullowhee Creativity Camp—rising
first- to eighth-graders. \$ Killian Building.
(227-7310)

Mon., June 26

Summer Concerts at the UC—Del
Suggs. 9 p.m. Atrium, UC. (227-7206)

Wed., June 28–Thu., June 29

Camp—softball advanced hitting, grades
8–12. \$ 9 a.m.–3 p.m. CSC. (227-2532)

Wed., June 28; Mon., July 10; Thu., July 20

Cat Gathering—share thoughts about all
things Western. 2–4 p.m. Multipurpose
Room, UC. (227-3622)

Thu., June 29

Summer Concerts at the UC—Bari
Koral. 9 p.m. Atrium, UC. (227-7206)

July

Sat., July 1

Car show—“Monsters on Mainstreet.” No
admission charge; tickets required. RRAC.
(227-7677)

Sun., July 2

Gallery talk—information about artists
whose works are included in Western’s
permanent collection. 2 p.m. Fine Art
Museum, FAPAC. (227-3591)

Sizzlin’ Summer Shorts Series—“Mark
Twain Tonight!” with Hal Holbrook. \$.
3 p.m. FAPAC. (227-2479)

Tue., July 4

Independence Day holiday—
no classes.



Thu., July 6

Service Booster Thursday—“Checking
for Customer Satisfaction.” Registration
required. 2–3:30 p.m. Room 203,
Field House.

Summer Concerts at the UC—After
Dark. 7 p.m. Lawn, UC. (227-7206)

Fri., July 7–Sat., July 8

Summer Movies at the UC—“Memoirs
of a Geisha” (PG). \$ Theater, UC.
(227-7206)

Sat., July 8–Sun., July 9

Arts and crafts show—works by more
than 90 mountain artisans. \$ RRAC.
(227-7677)

Sun., July 9–Wed., July 12

Camp—volleyball individual skills,
grades 8–12. \$ RRAC. (227-7079)

Sun., July 9

Crafts at the Center—“Soap Making.”
2:30–4:30 p.m. MHC. (227-7129)

Mon., July 10–Fri., July 14

Camp—“Eco-Adventures,” natural history
camp for rising second- and third-graders.
\$ 8:30 a.m.–noon. MHC. (227-7129)

Camp—“Community Murals.” Campers
work on mural for Jackson County Family
Resource Center. \$ 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Room 104, FAPAC. (227-3688)

Thu., July 13–Sun., July 16

Camp—volleyball camp, high school
varsity and junior varsity teams. \$.
(227-7079)

Thu., July 13

Staff Forum—8:30–10:30 a.m. Cardinal
Room, UC. (227-2412)

Service Booster Thursday—“Dealing
with the Irate Customer.” Registration
required. 2–3:30 p.m. Room 203,
Field House.

Summer Concerts at the UC—Tad
Dreis. 7 p.m. Lawn, UC. (227-7206)

Fri., July 14–Sat., July 15

Summer Movies at the UC—“Field of
Dreams” (R). \$ Theater, UC. (227-7206)

Sat., July 15–Sun., July 16

AKC Dog Show—\$ RRAC. (227-7677)

Sun., July 16–Thu., July 20

Conference—“Pride of the Mountains”
Marching Band Summer Symposium.
(227-7608)

Mon., July 17–Tue., July 18

Camp—“My Buddy and Me.” Parents,
grandparents or other adults participate
with children to explore art and artists.
\$ 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Room 104, FAPAC.
(227-3688)

Wed., July 19

Web and audio conference—“Planning
Parent Services That Support Student
Development.” 1–2:30 p.m. Room 540,
HFR. (227-7234)

Wed., July 19–Sat., July 22

Conference—“Native Plants in the
Landscape.” \$ RRAC. (227-7397)

Thu., July 20

Web and audio conference—“Campus
Risk Management: What Could
Possibly Go Wrong Here?” 1–2:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room, UC. (227-7234)

Service Booster Thursday—“Barriers to
Effective Teamwork.” Registration required.
2–3:30 p.m. Room 203, Field House.

Summer Concerts at the UC—
Ras Bonghi Reggae All-Stars. 7 p.m.
Lawn, UC. (227-7206)

Fri., July 21–Sat., July 22

Summer Movies at the UC—“Clerks”
(R). \$ Theater, UC. (227-7206)

Key: \$—Admission fee; BB—Belk Building; CAC—Catamount Athletic Center; CAT—Center for Applied Technology; CSC—Catamount Softball Complex; FAPAC—Fine and Performing Arts Center; HA—Hoey Auditorium; HFR—H.F. Robinson Administration Building; HS/CF—Hennon Stadium/Childress Field; MHC—Mountain Heritage Center; NSA—Natural Sciences Auditorium; RH—Recital Hall, Coulter Building; RRAC—Ramsey Regional Activity Center; UC—A.K. Hinds University Center; UOC—University Outreach Center; WS/BW—Whitmore Stadium/Bob Waters Field.

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Summer Concert Series Continues June 15

The ninth season of WCU's free Summer Concert Series continues Thursday, June 15, with rock 'n' roll band Cooking with Quanta performing at 7 p.m. on the lawn at A.K. Hinds University Center.

Upcoming free concerts include Alex Florez, acoustic pop-rock, June 19, 9 p.m.; the Cassidy Brothers, acoustic folk, June 22, 9 p.m.; Del Suggs, singer-songwriter, June 26, 9 p.m.; Bari Koral, folk, June 29, 9 p.m.; After Dark, Cullowhee's own funk band, July 6, 7 p.m.; Tad Dries, pop and folksy story songs, July 13, 7 p.m.; Ras Bonghi Reggae All-Stars, July 20, 7 p.m.; and Brooke Campbell, acoustic coffee house rock, July 27, 7 p.m.

Concerts that begin at 7 p.m. will take place on the University Center lawn, and lawn chairs and blankets are encouraged. Concerts that begin at 9 p.m. will be held in the atrium of the University Center. In case of rain, outdoor concerts move inside.

For additional information, call the University Center offices at (828) 227-7206.

Reorganization

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programs to the College of Arts and Sciences," Carter said.

Pending approval by the University of North Carolina Board of Governors, the new organizational structure would go into effect July 1, 2007.

"This plan is the result of a faculty task force's analysis of effective organizational structures and multiple campus meetings over the course of a year," Carter said. "We have a lot of change in front of us, but we believe this restructuring responds to our new strategic plan and allows us to consolidate similar programs, create synergies among faculty members, conserve resources and maximize program visibility for marketing and fundraising."

The redesign report may be found at <http://www.wcu.edu/provost/CollegeStructureReview.htm>.

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The Fine and Performing Arts Center will continue its inaugural **Sunday, Sizzlin'**

Summer Short Series with "War Bonds: The Songs and Letters of World War II," a musical journey through a war that redefined the world, Sunday, June 18, at 3 p.m. The Father's Day performance is sponsored by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for senior citizens 60 and older, \$20 for WCU faculty and staff, and \$5 for students ages 5 and up. Group rates also are available. For more information about performances, call the Fine and Performing Arts Center box office at (828) 227-2479 or visit the Web site at <http://fapac.wcu.edu/>.



Staff Forum Elections

Twelve new representatives will join Staff Forum in July after winning election earlier this spring.

New members from the clerical and secretarial category are Tamrick Mull (purchasing) Donna Welch (student affairs) and Lisa Surber (residential living). They join Dawne Coward (administration and finance), who was re-elected to a second two-year term.

Walter Turner (student judicial affairs) won election in the executive/administrative category.

From the maintenance and service category, new members are Kathleen Franks (residential living), Carolyn Parris (residential living), Peter Lloyd (facilities management) and Cale Wilson (facilities management).

Tim Inman (residential living), Ronda Byrant (student affairs) and Michaelle Finch (residential living) won election in the professional category.

For information about Staff Forum activities, visit the Web site <http://www.wcu.edu/stforum/>.

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