

News from Academic Affairs, October, 2010

1. Faculty Honors and Awards

At the May Board meeting the following promotions to the rank of professor were approved:

- **Jenifer Delton, Department of History**
- **Corey Freeman-Gallant, Department of Biology**
- **David Karp, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work. .**
- **David Peterson, Department of Art**
- **Flip Phillips, Department of Psychology,**

Over the course of the summer, faculty members have published new books and articles, offered performances and exhibits, developed new courses, earned grants, and received other honors and awards. For more details, please click on the link to the Faculty/Staff Achievements page of the College website:

<http://cms.skidmore.edu/news/achievements.cfm>

We are still (and always) reviewing more effective ways of highlighting the accomplishments of faculty and staff (including pedagogical innovation, scholarly and creative achievement, and service to internal and external communities). Please do send any suggestions along.

2. Academic Planning

Academic Staff met in retreat in early September. Invitations to attend were issued as well to the chairs of all major committees and the full membership of the Committee on Educational Policies and Planning (CEPP). In the spring, **President Phil Glotzbach** had asked each member of Cabinet to develop a five-year plan, offering criteria against which to measure our choices, and requesting information about proposed outcomes, resources, and timelines. We made a start on this work at the Academic Staff retreat in May, resumed the discussion in the September retreat, and the conversations will continue in the fall. In the meantime, department chairs and program directors were asked to share the planning documents with their departments and programs. We are working on a number of plans concurrently so as to take advantage of funding opportunities as they arise, but three priorities in particular are capturing attention because they will need significant resources: the question of the composition of the faculty (the relative numbers of tenure-track and non-tenure-track appointments), the science vision (which awaits a report from consultant Art Lidsky), and the Transitions/Transformations project, which emerged strongly from the on- and off-campus Town Hall conversations last year. Some other planning items are listed separately in this bulletin.

3. Middle States Periodic Review (MSPR)

Under the leadership of **Sarah Goodwin, Faculty Assessment Coordinator**, we are ahead of our timetable on the MSPR. Later in the fall, Sarah expects to circulate drafts for community review.

4. Network Facilitator

<http://tang.skidmore.edu/index.php/calendars/view/336/tag:2/upcoming:2>. The Tang is also joining the campus-wide celebration on October 15-17 with a Friends and Founders Luncheon to thank the museum's donors and reflect on the history and accomplishments of the Tang's first decade. A series of smaller dinners throughout the year, called Anniversary Salons, is drawing in students, faculty, and off-campus supporters as well.

9. Filene

Renovations of Filene, more extensive than originally anticipated, continue. The Space Planning Working Group (SPWG) is consulting broadly and will make recommendations regarding the next inhabitants of the building. The staff of Special Programs will occupy one floor.

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