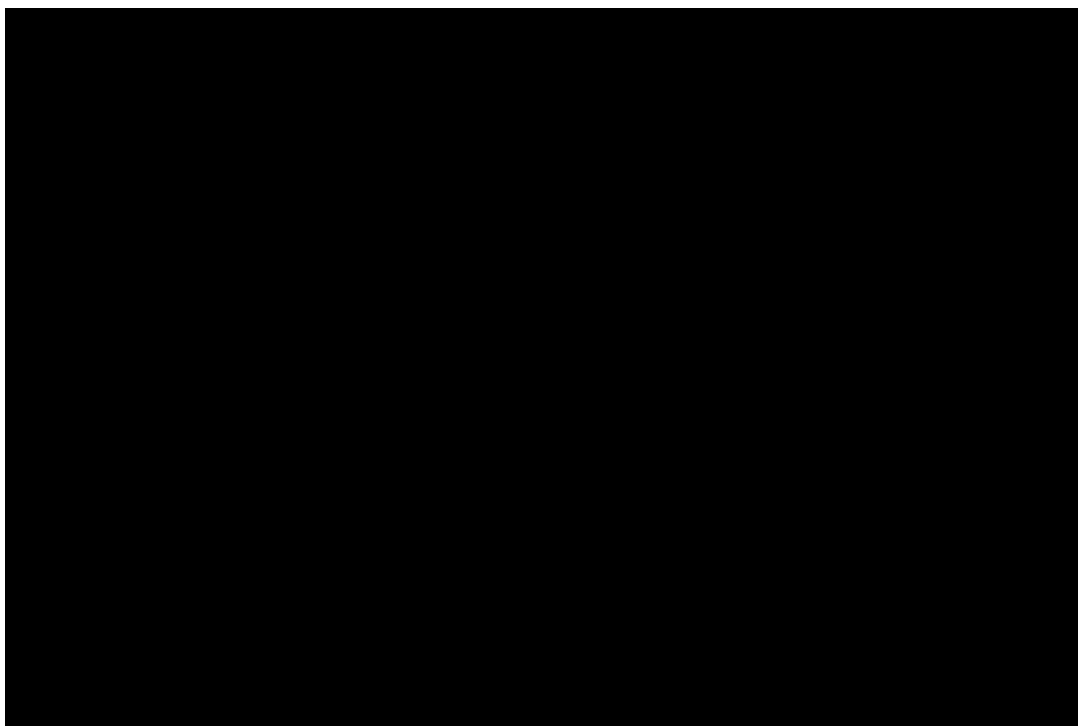




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PROVOST BRIEFING

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Here are some of this week's top stories and a look ahead.

- Dr. Patricia Sendall Appointed to Dean of Experiential Education
- CETL and Academic Technology: Blackboard Basics, July 11 and August 18
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Dr. Sendall Appointed to Dean of Experiential Education

Colleagues,

As we continue to build out the college's commitment to experiential education and career preparation linked closely with our academic programs, I am pleased to announce I have named professor Patricia Sendall as Merrimack's inaugural dean of experiential education.

Dr. Sendall, a professor of management, has most recently been special assistant to President Hopey and senior international officer for the college, responsible for academic and other programmatic internationalization initiatives, including study abroad. In that role, she led a mission-critical project to expand experiential education at Merrimack.

A former vice provost for academic affairs, Faculty Senate president, and chair of the Department of Management, Dr. Sendall was an American Council on Education Fellow in 2011-2012, working in the Office of the Provost at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell.

In her new deanship, Dr. Sendall will lead the design and implementation of a suite of high-impact experiences that assist students in personal growth, critical reflection and development, in close collaboration with the deans and faculty of the college.

Please join me in welcoming Pat to this critical position as she helps lead Merrimack toward greater strength and fulfillment of student priorities.

Al Weatherwax and the Office of the Provost

CETL and Academic Technology: Blackboard Basics

July 11 and August 18

[Registration Link](#)

Come with your syllabus and ideas to create or redesign your course in Blackboard. The first 30 minutes will cover the basics of setting up your course navigation, adding content folders, and setting up your grade center. The last 30 minutes, based on audience need will focus on specific areas such as discussions, group work, safe assign and rubrics.

CITI Training Comes to Merrimack

The Merrimack College Institutional Review Board (IRB) would like to announce that CITI (Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative) training is now available for all faculty interested in getting certification to work on human subjects. We will be transitioning from our current NIH certification to CITI in academic year 2017-2018. During this transition, both NIH and CITI training certificates will be accepted for all faculty and students engaged in human subjects research. Starting in September 2018, only CITI certification will be accepted. More information on the transition will be provided in future Provost Briefings.

If you want to get a headstart on getting CITI training, please contact Melissa Siegel (siegelm@merrimack.edu) the Director of Sponsored Programs and she will help get you started and answer any questions you might have.

Why the transition? CITI training is a nationally recognized human subjects research and compliance training program. CITI provides a comprehensive and holistic training certification that is more widely recognized and accepted than our current NIH training. In addition, CITI re-certification is only required every 3 years rather than the current 1-year renewal. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the IRB at IRB@merrimack.edu and please check future Provost Briefings for more details.

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The next issue will be sent on July 10, 2017. Have a safe and happy holiday with family and friends.

Ten Questions for the Provost

Allan Weatherwax, former dean of the School of Science and Engineering at Merrimack, was elevated in January to provost and senior vice president for academic affairs. A physicist and astronomer, he has conducted geophysical research in the Antarctic and Arctic for decades, and served as a member of the Polar Research Board of the National Academy of Sciences. The



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Weatherwax Glacier in the Antarctic stands as testament to his contributions to the field. [Read More »](#)

Other Events this Week

June 28th

Open Office Hours with the Provost

8:30 - 10:00 AM

Provost's Suite, Austin Hall

The Provost will have open office hours for faculty to drop in every Wednesday from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM. Whether you have a specific topic or just want to say "hello," all faculty are welcome to visit.

***Special note: due to the Independence Day Holiday, there will no Open Office Hours with the Provost next week.**

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