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

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Dr. Julie Fitzmaurice named Acting Dean of the Girard School of Business



Dear Colleagues,

With great pleasure, I want to announce to you that I have named Dr. Julie Fitzmaurice acting dean of the Girard School of Business. Dr. Fitzmaurice has served as associate dean of the school for seven years.

A member of the marketing faculty since 2002, she holds a Ph.D. in business from the University of Connecticut, an M.A. in operations research/management science from Yale, an M.B.A. from Georgetown and a B.A. in mathematics from Brandeis. She has taught undergraduate and graduate courses, introduced the Annual Girard School Graduate Case Competition (a signature event for students in the MSA and MSM programs), and launched the Girard School Internship Showcase. Her research has been published in the *Journal of Marketing Theory and Practice* and *Psychology & Marketing*, among others journals.

As associate dean, Dr. Fitzmaurice played a significant role in collaborating with faculty to: research and launch the Girard School's first two graduate programs (i.e., the Master of Science in Management and the Master of Science in Accounting), create the unique Business Comprehensive Advising Center, hire 15 tenure-track faculty, grow enrollments, build an assessment foundation and related systems, expand experiential opportunities for students to engage with alums and businesses, and revise curriculum pathways.

A search committee has been formed to identify candidates for the deanship, and I will update you on progress as that search progresses.

Please join me in congratulating Julie in this important role and offer her all your support as she leads the Girard School into its new home, Crowe Hall, and works to continue the great momentum of Merrimack College.

Sincerely,
Allan Weatherwax, Provost

Taking Faculty Regalia Request Now

We are taking requests for faculty regalia rentals. If you are in need of regalia for the 2017 Academic Convocation, please access the [Regalia Form](#) and submit your request.

Please submit your request by [August 1, 2017](#).

CETL and Academic Technology: Blackboard Basics

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 input, will focus on specific areas such as rubrics, discussions, group work, and using Safe Assign.

Prepare to Run a Paperless Classroom

Consider creating *an individual or departmental strategy* to promote sustainability to “go paperless” in the fall. To create a paperless strategy and to explore tools that align with your teaching and learning needs, the CETL is available during the summer months to assist you. Solutions to creating a more sustainable approach to workflow can be leveraged with Blackboard, the G-Suite, iTunesU, Microsoft, and through countless apps. Set up a meeting with Associate Director/Lead Instructional Designer Janet Syed at syedj@merrimack.edu to learn more!

McQuade Library Awarded a Library Services and Technology Act Grant

McQuade Library was recently awarded a federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant for \$19,500 from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC). “These grants are competitive and require serious planning, great idea development, and a strong commitment to meeting well-defined local needs,” said Ruth Urell Head of Library and Advisory at the MBLC. “The librarians are to be congratulated for their dedication to improving library services in their communities. The federal grants go a long way to opening new avenues for innovation and targeted services in Massachusetts libraries and the results are impressive and manifold.”

Congratulations!

Dr. Robert Koch, Director of the Writing Center



The Office of the Provost welcomes Dr. Koch as our new Director of the Writing Center. Dr. Koch comes to Merrimack from the University of North Alabama where he was Associate Professor of English and served as the Director of the Center for Writing Excellence and the Director of the University Success Center. At the University of North Alabama, Rob was responsible for creating the Success Center, co-creating the Math Center, and he played a leading role in creating and directing its First-Year Experience Program. Dr. Koch is published in the field of Rhetoric and Composition and has had a successful fifteen-year teaching career. Please join us in welcoming him to our community.

Other Events this Week

July 18th

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m or 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Cascia Hall

Join the **Create Your Impact** steering committee and women of Merrimack College to dive deeper into DiSC training! Two sessions will be provided for an opportunity to increase emotional intelligence with DiSC facilitator Bonnie Reiner of BHR Training.

Training Topics: (1) Read DiSC styles based on behavioral cues; (2) Learn strategies to manage behavior in the workplace; and (3) Build more effective relationships.

July 19th

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: There will be no Open Office Hours with the Provost next Wednesday, July 26.**

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