Welcome from the President

Welcome to the start of yet another academic year. I trust that over the summer you were able to fulfill the goals you set for yourselves and that you have had an opportunity for rest and renewal. I hope that all of you have returned, refreshed and invigorated, ready to continue the work of The College.

As with every new year, we begin academic year 2010-2011 with a renewed sense of hope, anticipation and purpose. The start of each year marks a new beginning…a new beginning for those students who will be starting college for the first time this week; a new beginning for our returning students who have yet another opportunity to continue to work hard, learn much and do well; and a new beginning for some of our other returning students who have another opportunity to pass that failed course, get in good academic standing, another chance at succeeding and achieving their goals.

For faculty, the start of a new year signals its own set of opportunities and challenges…the opportunity to reflect on and modify teaching strategies that may not have worked as well as you had anticipated; to continue to effect the research agenda you have identified; to continue to create a classroom environment that engages the student focused solely on the final grade and the working parent who is distracted by worries of home.

For administrators and staff, the new year affords us yet another opportunity to ensure a work environment that promotes the values of learning, leadership, collegiality, growth and service.

I sincerely hope that this year will be an exceptional year for everyone at The College and that we will continue to work together to ensure a productive and rich teaching, learning and work environment for ourselves, our colleagues and our students.

Academic Calendar, Fall 2010

- 23 August - Classes Begins
- 24 August - Late Registration Begins
- 25 August - Late Registration Ends
- 3 September - Last Day for Payment - Late Registration
- 30 September - Mid-Term Exam Period begins
- 3 October - Mid-Term Exam Period ends
- 11 October - Public Holiday (Discovery Day)
- 22 October - Last Day to Withdraw without Academic Penalty
- 26 November - Last Day of Classes
- 29 November - Final Exam Period begins
- 8 December - Final Exam Period ends
- 24 December - College Closed (Christmas Eve)
- 25 December - Public Holiday (Christmas Day)
- 26 December - Public Holiday (Boxing Day)
- 27 December - College Closed
Welcome from COBUS President

On behalf of the entire Student Union of the College of The Bahamas we would like to extend a grand welcome to all Fall 2010 freshmen. We also take this time to congratulate you all on this new era in your journey for success. At this time we also want to welcome you as a member of the Union of Students; each and every student of the College of The Bahamas is a member of the Union of Students. It is our sincere hope that your stay here is an enjoyable one.

If you have any suggestions, issues, concerns, or simply an initiative you would like to start, we implore you to let your voice be heard and contact a COBUS representative. Be the change you want to see on your college campus. We wish you all the success in your college endeavours. Again, welcome.

Staff Day Team

Results

Congratulations to Team Hodder who won the Staff Day Team Challenges! The points are as follows:

1st Place – Hodder 245 pts
2nd Place – Bethel 205 pts
3rd Place – Smith 200 pts
4th Place – Higgs 125 pts

Thanks to the Staff Day committee who organised such a great day for staff, and thanks to staff who came out and made this day special.

Notice: Staff Observer Elections

Elections are approaching for Staff Observer on the College Council. Nomination forms and the Election Code may be collected from the Office of Council Secretary, Room A99, beginning Monday, August 30th. Deadline for nominations, Thursday, September 16th at 4p.m.; Staff Observer Election Day, September 23, A Block Foyer.

Staff Day 2010

The College of The Bahamas’ annual Staff Day 2010 was held on Tuesday, August 17. Staff members were placed into four teams carrying the names of four past College presidents: Hodder, Smith, Higgs and Bethel. Competition was fierce during tug-o-war, dominoes, basketball, sprint relays and other exciting events held during the afternoon session.

The blazing summer sun did not deter staff members from competing for the coveted prize of the floating trophy and bragging rights. Potato sack, egg and spoon and 50 yard-dash relay races were highly competitive among rival teams put their best feet forward.

The day was not only fun but also educational, as employees learned about The College of The Bahamas’ history and events during its first ever jeopardy styled game “COB IQ” hosted by Ms. Phillipa Moss of the School of English Studies.

COB staff members expressed their satisfaction in the day’s events and are looking forward to next year’s Staff Day.
Roughly 1,000 freshmen were advised during New Student Orientation (NSO) on August 18th, 2010. Registration, informational seminars, campus tours and a formal welcome ceremony in the Performing Arts Centre by senior officials were the order of the day followed by advisement.

According to College Registrar, Dr. Danny Davis, this year the College accepted more than 1300 students, which is a reduction from the over 1900 students accepted for Fall 2009. With so many families affected by the downturn in the economy, in 2009, The College’s new student intake reflected its accommodation of larger than usual part-time and College preparatory student numbers. This fall semester’s numbers however signal a return to a more traditional sized first year class.

On the first day of new student registration, 838 new students registered for over 3,600 classes. 85% percent of the new students are under 19 years of age and seventy percent (70%) of the registered new students are females.

Welcome New Faculty

School of English Studies
Dr. Peter Bailey
Dr. Ian Bethel-Bennett
Dr. Craig Smith

School of Education
Bridget Cooper
Natasha Jones-Swann

School of Mathematics, Physics & Technology
Christoper Lobas, Architecture
Kevin Ruth, Mathematics

School of Social Sciences
Dr. Radhika Makecha, Psychology

School of Business
Dr. Robert Nieschwietz, Accounting

School of Communication & Creative Arts
Dr. Wallace Turner, Music and Technology, a joint appointment with Mathematics, Physics and Technology
Cristina Herrera Hernandez, Spanish

New Staff @ COB

Melanese Coakley
Administrative Assistant I
Graduate Programmes Office

Michael Ford
Computer Clerk II
Management Information Systems

Renée Mayers
AVP, Human Resources
Human Resources Department
Senior Management

Deidre Moss
Admissions Clerk II
Office of Admissions
During the morning session of the annual Faculty Seminar, Dr. Marcella Elliott, Assistant Professor, School of Education; Dr. Daphne Grace, Associate Professor, School of English Studies and Ms. Virginia Ballance, Hilda Bowen Library gave presentations focused on faculty research. Ms. Ballance, in particular, focused on the process for submitting research essays to scholarly journals.

In the afternoon there were two concurrent sessions, offering faculty the opportunity to participate in two seminars of their choice, out of seven. The seminars were, Navigating the Ethics Committee; Health and Wellness: Survival Skills for the Academic; Research and the Academic; Engaging Students in Science Research; Research: The Creative Arts Approach; Student Research Across the Curriculum and Preparing the Professional Portfolio.

Christy Lee, Chris Justilien and John Cox, all Assistant Professors in the School of Communication and Creative Arts (SCCA), gave an excellent presentation on the creative arts approach to research.

Lee and Justilien, along with Christine Gangelhoff, also an Associate Professor in SCCA are the C-Force, the College’s chamber music group. They have, as their creative research, recorded a CD of music with Bahamian, Haitian and classical influences among others. They researched old folk songs and melodies from Haiti and Guadeloupe as a part of this project and collaborated with John Cox, who did the album artwork.

Both Lee and Justilien said that collaborations across creative disciplines can be a good way to include faculty from other disciplines. All three presenters also shared that doing creative research is different from the research of more conventional subjects and that ways of evaluating creative research are therefore different. The C-Force will release their CD this Fall.

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