

Southern Factor

November 2013

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

Senate Affirms Calendar Initiative of Adventist Educational Alliance

On Monday, October 28, Southern's Faculty Senate voted overwhelmingly in favor of synching the academic calendar more closely with that of sister schools Union College and Southwestern Adventist University. The senate's recommendation will now go before the university's Board of Trustees in February for another vote. This is the latest action taken to support the Adventist Educational Alliance, a new collaborative group designed to promote efficiency through the shared academic resources and support services of these institutions.

Calendar changes include:

- Semesters begin on a Monday
- Semesters last 16 weeks
- October break reduced to one day
- Thanksgiving break increased to a full week
- Christmas break increased to three full weeks
- May graduation falls on the second Sunday of month
- Semester exam schedule changed from Sunday-Wednesday to Monday-Thursday
- Winter graduation switched to Thursday evening
- Summer Session II changed from eight to seven weeks

For several years, President Gordon Bietz and the administration have discussed how to keep Southern's tuition as low as possible, and this desire was the initial impetus behind the col-

laboration. There are multiple ways in which the alliance helps accomplish this goal, including combining 'back office' activities, such as payroll, computer services, and human resources.

Last June, registrars from Southwestern and Union visited campus to explore the possibility of using Southern's Datatel software—a robust, integrated program which encompasses areas ranging from academics to housing to financial aid—for their schools as well. Joni Zier, director of Records and Advisement at Southern, believes a centralized process would help cut costs without putting any additional strain on Southern.

"Our system is more than big enough to fit information from all three of our schools and still run efficiently," Zier said.

Another way this collaboration could keep costs down and limit tuition increases would be through academic collaboration. There are certain small, specialty classes offered at all three schools that only have six to eight students. As older professors retire, only one professor would be required for one online class offered to each of the three universities. Additionally, while Southern may offer certain classes only every Fall or Winter Semester, students who need them to graduate will be able to take those classes online from either Southwestern or Union in the alternate semesters without waiting.

Marc Grundy, vice president for Enrollment Services, has been involved in the discussions of this alliance and believes that along with the benefits to each institution, the collaboration is the right thing to do from a spiritual perspective as well.

"We should work together because God has called us to help each other," Grundy said.

>> View [minutes](#) from Faculty Senate meetings.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Photojournalism adjunct professor **Billy Weeks** won [first place](#) in the Gordon Parks International Photo Contest for a memorable image of a girl clutching a doll that he took while documenting a medical mission trip in Honduras. This is Week's second win in the prestigious contest, which includes submissions from Pulitzer-prize winning photographers.

John Nixon had the honor of presenting the opening convocation address for Southwestern Adventist University in August.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

Rob Raney is WSMC's new gift officer. With his fundraising leadership and passion for classical music, WSMC hopes to make huge strides in Advancement's mission of "building lasting relationships that inspire generous giving to grow God's work at Southern.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Stephanie Sheehan had her companion devotional on Psalms 62-64 published in the [Bible Study blog](#) of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for October 8, 9, and 10.

Michael Cafferky presented “How to Perform an Ethics Audit for Your Company” at the Ooltewah-Collegedale Chamber of Commerce meeting on September 18, and “Developing Management History: Leadership, Social Entrepreneurship and Methods” at the Academy of Management annual conference held in Lake, Buena Vista, Florida, on August 11. Cafferky also attended the Christian Business Faculty Association (CBFA) annual conference, where a paper he co-authored with Scott Quatro, (Covenant College) was presented: “Covenantal Management: Promise Making, Promise Keeping and Business Prosperity.” In addition, Cafferky received the Sharon G. Johnson Award. This national award is presented annually to one scholar for contributions of integrating faith and business. Cafferky is the first Seventh-day Adventist business scholar to be recognized with the award.

Braam Oberholster held the workshop “Business as Mission: Work Boots as Sandals” and presented “Why Do We Go?: Motivation for Volunteer Missionary Service” for the I Will Go! conference at Universidad Adventista del Plata, Argentina, in September. His work “Expatriate Motivation in Religious and Humanitarian Nonprofit Organizations” was also published in the *Journal of Global Mobility*.

Dennis Steele will have his article, “An Examination of Primary and Secondary Market Returns in Equity REIT IPOs,” published in the *Journal of Real Estate Research*.

Ray Hefferlin, Jonathan Sacket, senior physics major, and Jeremy Tatum, University of Victoria, published “Why Do Molecules Echo Atomic Periodicity?” in the *International Journal of Quantum Chemistry*.

In October, **Robert Bovell**, **Rob Raney**, and **Kenny Turpen** attended CASE major gift officer training in Arizona.

Michael Hasel and **Martin Klingbeil** co-published the article “An End and a Beginning: Why We’re Leaving Qeiyafa and Going to Lachish” in the November-December issue of *Biblical Archaeology Review*. The article focuses on the accomplishments of Southern Adventist University’s excavations at Khirbet Qeiyafa (2007-2013) and the new Fourth Expedition to Lachish that began this summer.

Judy Sloan, **Don Mathis**, and student worker Brooklyn Waterhouse attended classes at the Cooper Institute in Dallas, Texas, on October 9 to seek certification as indoor cycling instructors.

Edwin Reynolds serves as secretary for the North Ameri-

can Division (NAD) Theology of Ordination Study Committee and is helping to present the minority report of the committee to the Annual Council of the NAD on November 4 in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Carlos Parra was the plenary speaker at the Strangers in New Homelands 2013 Conference held in Winnipeg, Canada at the University of Manitoba on October 17-18. He presented “Biopolitics and the Hispanic/Latino Non-Authorized Immigrant Subject: The Role of a ‘Non Validity’ Status.” Parra was also invited as a representative on behalf of the NAD to the European Languages Consortium meeting in Villa Aurora, Italy, on September 6-9, 2013. On October 28-29, Parra attended the annual Adventist Colleges Abroad (ACA) Curriculum Committee Meeting held at the Seventh-day Adventist World Church Headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland.

HATS OFF!

I would like to express appreciation to **Lisa Kuhlman**, our new graduate coordinator, for her outstanding work in organizing this year’s Meet the Firms. We had more than 40 businesses attend. She spent many hours schooling our students on resumé writing, speed interviewing, and etiquette. She put our students in the best possible position for success.

-Mark Hyder

I would like to thank **Lisa Goolsby** for organizing and our September Career ConneXions event. Her ice cream event is becoming legend among future students. Visit our [Facebook page](#) for photos.

-Mark Hyder

Special Thanks to **Julie Hyde** for organizing the September recruiting visit of accounting majors to the Decosimo, CPA firm.

-Mark Hyder

Many thanks from our entire department to **Linda Wilhelm**, who retired in September, for her 23 years of service at the School of Business and Management.

-Mark Hyder

The School of Business and Management would also like to thank **Laurie Gauthier** from Graduate Studies for the excellent Graduate Fair she organized for our program in September.

-Mark Hyder

We would like to thank **Robert Gadd** for organizing and supporting the October community service event at the Ronald McDonald House for the students in his accounting class.

-Mark Hyder

I would like to acknowledge my entire deli staff—from staff employees to student workers—for your hard work and effort in making the deli a success my first two years here. It has been a true blessing and honor to work with you. I am looking forward to many years of working here with you all. I pray that we continue to grow as Christians and as a team so that we can one day join hands together in heaven with our Father.

-Orlando Garcia

The Latin American Club (LAC) wants to thank the many faculty and staff that made the events in September a huge success. We particularly want to express our appreciation to the Food Services team for all of their support in assisting students with preparation for LAC Night. You all radiate awesome.

-Geovanny Ragsdale

CHANGING FACES

Southern welcomes the following employees:

Ruben Muriente to Campus Safety

Fond farewells to the following employees:

Boyd Buhl from WSMC

Best wishes to the following employees in their new positions:

Lisa Kuhlman from office manager to graduate studies coordinator, School of Business and Management

Timothy Roberts from part time to full time, Village Market Deli

Rob Raney from senior gift officer in Advancement to gift officer at WSMC

SAVE THE DATE

- November 6 BRIDGE Luncheon
- November 12 Dean's Luncheon
- November 13 Lights Volunteer Lunch
- November 25 We Give Thanks
- November 27 Thanksgiving Break (27-December 1)

BIRTHDAYS

- November 1 **Laurie Minner**, Music
- Deanna Moore**, Enrollment Services
- November 4 **Steven Crosby**, Purchasing
- Greg Merchant**, Online Campus
- November 5 **Robert Bovell**, Advancement
- Liane de Souza**, Student Success Center
- David George**, Visual Art and Design
- November 6 **Astrid Conibear**, Education and Psych.
- November 7 **Scott Kornblum**, WSMC
- November 8 **Yolanda Abril-Ocsai**, Food Services
- November 9 **Adam Brown**, Enrollment Services
- Minodora Perchik**, Food Services
- November 10 **Alan Parker**, Religion
- Carl Patterson**, Talge Hall
- November 11 **Jim Parks**, Plant Services
- Cheryl Torres**, Advancement
- Autumn Wurstle**, English
- November 13 **Marty Hamilton**, Financial Administration
- November 15 **Charlotte Athey**, Financial Administration
- Doug Jacobs**, Religion
- November 16 **Tim Cwodzinski**, Visual Art and Design
- Castwell Fider**, Enrollment Services
- Adrienne Royo**, Modern Languages
- November 17 **Lorri Merchant**, Social Work
- November 18 **Jim Wampler**, Student Success Center
- November 20 **Barbara James**, Nursing
- Bryan Stitzer**, Campus Safety
- November 21 **Russ Orrison**, Purchasing
- Sharon Pittman**, Global Community Dev.
- Len Raney**, Plant Services
- Bob Young**, Academic Administration
- November 23 **Stevenson Pangkey**, Campus Safety
- November 24 **Jason Smith**, Campus Safety
- November 25 **Don Hart**, Access Management
- Philip Samaan**, Religion
- November 26 **Sarah Shelbourne**, Human Resources
- November 27 **Kimberly Miller**, Development Services
- November 28 **Joyce Azevedo**, Biology/Allied Health
- Frances Johnson**, Nursing
- Robert Montague**, Business and Mgt.
- November 30 **Cheryl Des Jarlais**, Education and Psych.
- Taresa Vanderoef**, Village Market
- Crystal Whitten**, P.E., Health and Wellness

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