

DCP News

Newsletter for Faculty and Staff of the College of Design, Construction & Planning

September 2003

Message from the Dean

Welcome to the first issue of our newsletter. I think this is an important milestone in our college's development and encourage all of you to contribute to future editions.

I also want to thank Julie Frey, our new Director of Information/Publication Services, for a successful launch of this first issue.

Welcome New Faculty & Staff

I would like to welcome all the new faculty and staff members to our college. These include: Julie and Theresa Jones (Office Assistant) in the Dean's Office; Martha Kohen (Professor and Director of Architecture); Roy Graham (Beinecke-Reeves Distinguished Professor and Director of the DCP's Historic Preservation Program); Charles Hailey (Visiting Assistant Professor of Architecture); Paul Robinson (Visiting Assistant Professor of Architecture); Glenn Sweitzer (Visiting Professor of Architecture); Hui Zou (Assistant Professor of Architecture); Michelle Matckie (Clerical Assistant in Architecture); Debra Harris (Assistant Professor of Interior Design) and Viki Solt (Program Assistant in Building Construction). Our college is far stronger with the addition of these people.

DCP Initiatives

In the remaining space, I want to discuss two initiatives. First, I invited Dr. Tony Brennan, Chair of the Faculty Senate, to visit with us at the August 26, 2003 faculty meeting and discuss the issue of shared governance. While the Faculty Senate continues its deliberations, I thought it was important for DCP to initiate its own efforts and discussions in this area. Like all administrators in DCP, I consider myself first to be a faculty member and second an administrator.

College Constitution

Therefore, I have formed a faculty committee on shared governance with the charge of drafting a college constitution

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that would then be ratified by a vote of the faculty. I have not been able to find any evidence of a previous constitution in the entire history of the college. Regardless of what happens at the UF level, I think it is time for DCP to have its own document as a guide to faculty-administrative roles and responsibilities.

The best person I could think of to head this effort and to see it to completion is Professor Jim Nicholas, who has a joint appointment in URP and the Holland Law School. I am pleased that he has agreed to head the effort. The other four members of the committee are in the process of being selected by the academic units.

In the interest of great transparency, I have also initiated the practice of posting the academic year schedule of

DCP Administrative Council meetings and the minutes of the meetings after their approval on the DCP website, i.e., the August meeting minutes will be posted following their approval at the September 24, 2003 meeting.

Continuing Education & Distance Learning

Second, Dave Newport, our new Director of Continuing Education and Distance Learning, organized a college mini-retreat held on Monday, September 15 at the UF Hilton Hotel and Conference Center. I participated in the meeting along with the heads of the five academic units, Marcia Bourdon, Crystal Lee, Julie and some other members of the college with a special interest or experience in the area.

I believe for several reasons that this is an important area for the college to grow: it is part of DCP's service mission to our professions, community and alumni; it has the potential to be an additional college revenue stream apart from state funds; it gives faculty an opportunity to earn compensation up to 20% over their current salary; it keeps faculty in closer touch with practice and professional issues; and it is good public relations.

When Marcia and I travel and visit with alumni and donors, we invariably are told that there is a great need for DCP to be more involved in continuing education/distance learning. I think the retreat was a good start and expect that your unit heads will be discussing the results with you.

One important initiative being considered is a DCP internal competitive grant program in which the dean's office would match unit level grants for faculty to develop distance or continuing education courses in the summer

months. Dave and I will provide more details later in the year on this program.

I hope you all have a good semester. I thank Julie again for initiating this newsletter.


Dean and Professor

myUFL Launch

Check out myUFL (my.ufl.edu)! Since its unveiling last spring, myUFL is fast becoming the ideal place to find information on nearly every aspect of university life.

Many university systems, such as the Admin Menu, ISIS, Enterprise Reporting, Gatorlink and others, are available through myUFL. In fact, starting October 6, the Admin Menu will be available only by logging onto myUFL. As new administrative systems are developed, you will only be able to access them through myUFL.

Explore my.ufl.edu today. All you need is your Gatorlink user name and password in order to log on. Learn how you can personalize the page to show the information in which you're most interested. Also, under the Admin Menu, you can link to My Self Service to view information on your employment, insurance and other items.

And don't forget to check out DCP's pagelet. To submit items or ideas for DCP's pagelet, email them to jsfrey@dcp.ufl.edu.



Development News

Marcia Bourdon serves as DCP's Director of Development. She is the liaison between DCP and the UF Foundation, working with alumni, donors and industry to facilitate private funds and other resources to support DCP's mission.

Marcia can provide assistance to the units and to individual faculty. She can assist with locating foundations or grant opportunities for research projects. She can help locate alumni and can pull class lists from the Foundation's database.

The Development Office is putting together a list of giving opportunities to assist donors with their gifts. Many times, donors ask what the needs are throughout DCP. Of course, donors can give to DCP overall or to a specific department, but many donors are interested in how their dollars will help. This inventory of opportunities will provide donors with a variety of ways in which they can support specific projects throughout DCP.

Examples of items for the list of giving opportunities include computer hardware and software, travel funds, endowed positions and other naming opportunities.

As you identify items, projects or programs that you would like included for our donors' consideration or if you need other assistance from the Development Office, please call or email Marcia Bourdon at 392-4836, ext. 314, mbourdon@dcp.ufl.edu.

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What Is *DCP News*?

Welcome to the first edition of *DCP News*! The purpose of this newsletter is to let faculty and staff throughout the College of Design, Construction and Planning know what is happening at DCP. Our top priority will be to highlight the work and events at DCP and to serve as a forum for sharing information throughout the college.

From time to time and as space permits, we will also include information to keep you up-to-date on what's happening throughout the university. In our Calendar of Events section, we will include key dates from DCP and from around campus.

The ultimate goal of *DCP News* is to become your main source of information regarding DCP. But we need your help! All of the information that is included in *DCP News* will be provided to us through submissions from faculty and staff. You tell us what's going on in your area, and we'll publish it here. We will make great efforts to include all submitted items.

What should you submit? Ideas for submissions include: research work, class projects, service projects, published work, including books and articles, and important dates, deadlines and events.

The *DCP News* will be published the fourth Thursday of each month. Submissions are due the first Friday of each month. Therefore, the deadline for submission for the October issue is October 3. In order to submit an item for the newsletter, write a brief summary and email it to Julie Frey at jsfrey@dcp.ufl.edu. If you have any questions, please feel free to email or call Julie at 392-4836, ext. 221.

News Bulletin

- ◆ **Rinker Hall Dedication** – M.E. Rinker, Sr. Hall will be dedicated at a ceremony on October 14 at 2 p.m. The ceremony will be held outside on the west side of the building. BCN will host an open house of Rinker Hall immediately following the ceremony.
- ◆ **Spring Commencement** – This year, Spring Commencement will be held by each individual college. The DCP commencement will be Friday, April 30 at 9 a.m. at the Phillips Center for Performing Arts. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Frey at 392-4836, ext. 221 or jsfrey@dcp.ufl.edu.
- ◆ **Research Campus Reporter** – UF News & Public Affairs assigns a student to DCP each semester to cover research going on at the college. This semester's student reporter is Kim Hart. Kim will work with Julie Frey to identify current research within DCP, and then, Kim will contact the faculty members to learn more about the research.
- ◆ **Architecture Gallery Fall 2003 Schedule** – Visit the student exhibits throughout October, including PI:N and each of the design studios.
- ◆ **UF Community Campaign** – Your unit representative will begin handing out pledge cards and information regarding the campaign on September 29. This is a wonderful chance to give back to our community by supporting the participating charitable organizations.

The unit representatives are: Juanita Pelham (Dean's Office), Mark McGlothlin (ARC), Patty Barritt & Dave Newport (BCN), Pamela Bernier (IND), Glenn Acomb (LAE) and Stan Latimer (URP). Rebecca Graves is the coordinator for DCP and Marcia Bourdon is DCP's Steering Committee representative. Thanks to all of these volunteers for working to help make our community a great place to live!

Calendar of Events

October 3

Deadline to submit ideas for future gallery exhibits (Submit to Donna Cohen or Shivjit Sidhu)

October 3 & 4

Grand Guard

October 6

Deadline to turn in UF Community Campaign pledge cards to unit representative

October 6

ARC Lecture Series
Paul Shephard
6 p.m., Harn Museum

October 6

myUFL Launch

October 7

BCN Career Fair

October 8

Conversations for a Sustainable Future: Ethics of Sustainability, 12 p.m., Rinker Hall Conference Room 303

October 9

Conversations for a Sustainable Future: Live Telecast on Campus Sustainability, 12 -2 p.m. Rinker Hall Conference Room 303

October 14

Rinker Hall Dedication Ceremony, 2 p.m.

October 23

Conversations for a Sustainable Future: Sustainable Water Resources, 12 p.m., Rinker Hall Conference Room 303

October 24

Benefits Open Enrollment Ends

October 30

UF Alumni Reunion at ASLA National Conference, 8 p.m., New Orleans Marriott Hotel (Conference runs October 30 through November 3)

Next Month:

Profile of Martha Kohen, Director of the School of Architecture

Don't forget to email your submissions by October 3!