March 2014 President's Report

College-wide Initiatives
The entire New College community is invited to a workshop next month on "Governing Boards" by Peter Lake, nationally known higher education authority and prof. at Stetson Law School on Wednesday, April 23 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm in the College Hall Music Room.

The search for an Internship Coordinator is underway. Dr. Sherry Yu has accepted the tenure track position of Assistant Professor of Economics. Hiring negotiations are currently underway for 3 additional positions.

Outside NCF
At their March meeting on the 20th, the Board of Governors voted to approve New College's mission change. The legislature is proceeding with funding in the new state budget for the program and lawmakers are prepared to change state law, striking the word "undergraduate" from our mission.

This will allow us to explore the idea of a master's in 'big data' and receive funding from the legislature for such programs. There are many uncertainties due to the nature of politics and will keep you informed as best we can when we know more.

Successes
To celebrate the book's centenary, The Gide Project Sarasota brought a series of events, featuring leading Gide scholars from around the world, to Sarasota from March 1 through 25. **Jocelyn Van Tuyl,** professor of French and a lead organizer of the Gide Project, said Gide was the leading contemporary intellectual in France for some 50 years, even as literary movements changed around him. Her book, *André Gide and The Second World War*, was published in 2006.

Congratulations to Profs. **Nova Myhill** and **Carrie Beneš**, co-chairs of the recent New College Conference on Medieval and Renaissance Studies. The conference featured plenary speakers Prof. Thomas F.X. Noble of Notre Dame University and Prof. Ruth Evans of St. Louis University. It also included the awarding of the inaugural Snyder Prize, in honor of the conference's founder, the late Prof. Lee Snyder, and recognizing work by a young scholar. The prize went to Prof. Katarzyna Lecky of Arkansas State University. Thanks to Jacinta Titiallii Abbott who sponsored one of the speakers.

Board Meetings
Board of Trustees: The March 8 BOT meeting had to be held in Sainer Auditorium in order to accommodate the Medieval & Renaissance Conference in Sudakoff. The BOT experimented with a format of consecutive, rather than simultaneous, committee meeting prior to the full BOT meeting. That gave everyone a chance to hear about the issues before each committee, and drastically shortened the length of the full BOT meeting by eliminating repetitive presentation of action items. The BOT used a consent agenda to adopt seven of its eight action items. For the next BOT meeting, on Saturday, May 31, the BOT will return to Sudakoff and try the new format in a much larger and more accommodating space.

Next meeting: May 31, 2014

Note: BOT Public Hearing on Tuition and Fees for 2014-15 will be held on Wednesday, April 30, 2014 as a BOT Finance & Administration Committee Meeting in Sudakoff at 3:30 pm, with students expected to attend and weigh in.

Foundation Board: Next meeting: April 25, 2014

NCAA Board: The Board of Directors of the New College Alumnae/i Association [NCAA] had its third regular meeting for 2013-2014 on February 15, 2014. The bylaws were amended to add term limits. In addition, the association remains devoted to increasing the activity of its national and local chapters. They plan to begin providing reports from various chapters on a regular basis to help

keep alums connected. A listing of active online groups can be found at www.ncf.edu/chapters and www.ncf.edu/resources-for-alums. Next meeting: May 23, 2014 (in the afternoon before the 2014 commencement ceremony)

Points of Pride

Emily Fairchild, Assistant Professor of Sociology, has been granted tenure, effective AY 2014-15.

University of Virginia Press has published Prof. **Amy Reid's** translation of "Far from My Father," by Véronique Tadjo, a leading African Francophone writer. Reid's translation of Tadjo's "Queen Pokou: Concerto for a Sacrifice," was named an NPR Favorite Book of 2010, and the original edition in French won the Le Grand Prix Littéraire d'Afrique Noire.

Manchester University Press has published Prof. **Thomas McCarthy's** "Chronicles of the Investiture Contest – Frutolf of Michelsberg and his Continuators," a first English translation of a history in Latin by a German monk of the 10th century. The idea for the book came from a class discussion. McCarthy spent more than four years translating the 133,656-word work.

Prof. Sandra Gilchrist has received two grants to support her PUSH/SUCCESS this June. The Sea Grant Florida program at University of Florida awarded $6,363, and the Dart Foundation awarded $1,325.00.

Since 2009, Time Sifters Archaeological Society, the local chapter of the Florida Anthropological Society, has held a student paper competition. Competitors enter from NCF,USF-SM, Eckerd, SCT, and USF. This year, NCF students **Katie O'Brien** and **Nancy Shipley** won the Cornelia D. Futor Student Grant Award.

Enrollment Services

The Office of Admissions & Financial Aid is pleased to report that our completed application count for Fall 2014 is **the highest in the College's history**. On March 5, thirty high school counselors from across Florida joined the admissions team for a showcase event that included brunch, presentations by New College students, tours and mini-classes with **Profs. Tracy Collins** (Economics), **Mike Michalson** (Humanities), and **Katie Walstrom** (Biochemistry). On March 15, over 260 admitted students and parents participated in our annual event for admitted students. This year's event included panel discussions with students, tours, and an informal pizza party on the bay front with currently enrolled students and many New College faculty and staff. After the pizza party, our guests attended the New Music New College DIY Ensemble Concert that featured a performance by students using "Do It Yourself" instruments they built under the guidance of **Prof. Mark Dancigers**. The Office of the Registrar rolled out several enhancements to the College's Student Evaluation System (SES) to support faculty advising, including a reconfigured Liberal Arts Curriculum section of the student profile, and a unit counter that tallies attempted and earned units. Before the end of the academic year more improvements to SES will be implemented.

Advancement

Focus remains on staffing, Educate for Change (EFC) and Pique Nique. Pique Nique is Wednesday, April 2. Increased sponsorships, increased guest count and more and better auction items bode well. The Sarasota Film Festival Educate For Change event is April 9 at the Sarasota Opera House. We hope to see many of you there. Tickets are available through SFF and at Regal downtown. This month the Foundation received the final distribution from an estate gift in the amount of $321,000. They have also received $35,000 designated for EFC.

In the news…