April 2014 President's Report

College-wide Initiatives

Dr. Jennifer Granick ('86) will be our commencement speaker and honorary degree recipient. Granick lives in San Francisco and is the Director of Civil Liberties at the Stanford Law School's Center for Internet and Society (CIS). From 2001 to 2007, Jennifer was Executive Director of CIS where she taught cyber law, computer crime, Internet intermediary liability, and Internet law and policy. She then spent three years at the Electronic Frontier Foundation and a year at the D.C. based firm ZwillGen before returning to Stanford Law School. Before teaching at Stanford, Jennifer spent almost a decade practicing criminal defense law in California. She earned her law degree from University of California, Hastings College of the Law, and her undergraduate degree in 1990 from New College in Political Science with **Gene Lewis.**

We had a visit from Jesse Panuccio, Executive Director of Florida's Department of Economic Opportunity and former General Counsel to Gov. Scott. Thanks to professors **Robert Zamsky** and **Tracy Collins** for taking part in the meeting with **John Martin, Mark St. Louis** and **Suzanne Janney**.

An MOU was signed between NCF and newly-founded Sarasota World Affairs Council (SWAC). SWAC most recently offered a talk on Afghanistan April 7 with more to come. Thanks to professors **Nat Colletta, Barbara Hicks** and many other community members for shaping this group.

Outside NCF

It looks as if recurring funding for our master's program will be approved, although we do not know how much we will get (Senate bill has around $600,000 in recurring funds while the House bill around $700,000 in recurring funds, plus $100,000 in startup). This will mean that we will need to start planning. Committees and open forums will be convened to answer questions and formulate good ideas, using this as an opportunity to strengthen our undergraduate program. We face some challenges getting the BOG to approve the master's program but rest assured, I'll be calling on our governors and lobbyists to make sure we stay on track.

With 5 days left in legislative session, we'll be keeping an eye on the Senate and House Higher Education appropriations bill. The House version would be much better for us, but the Senate version is more likely to dominate.

Looking forward to BOG metrics, we need to start planning better for our next performance report. While some short-term strategies to boost student employment (and earnings) after graduating have been implemented, this will be an issue that will require continuous, sustained improvement.

We had another meeting with the Gulf Coast Collaboration Presidents (USF-SM, SCF, RCAD, Eckerd) and received an additional collaboration "Taking Stock" grant to continue from the Gulf Coast Community Foundation.

Successes

We celebrated the opening of a new Collab(orative) space in the Jane Bancroft Cook Library and the successful hiring of **Dr. Jennifer Wells** as Director of the Writing Resource Center, an appointment approved by the faculty to teach courses and tutorials. Wells will start sometime late spring semester.

The Internship Coordinator and Director of Career Education Services search committees are down to their top finalists.

Ten NCF students presented at the COPLAC Southeastern Undergraduate Research Conference at the University of Montevallo in Alabama. They made the road trip with **Julie Morris**, Asst. VP for Academic Affairs.

Uzi Baram hosted a workshop for the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN) at the NCPAL last Thursday, showing how archaeologists study artifacts linked to fishing, like ancient fishing hooks, water craft, and nets. Archaeologists from the New College Public Archaeology Lab and the Florida Public Archaeology Network were on hand to help the community with hands-on learning.

The VISTA volunteer office sponsored an alternative spring break at Robinson and Rye Preserves.

Board Meetings

Board of Trustees
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.

Next meeting: May 31, 2014

Foundation Board
Next meeting: October 30, 2014

NCAA Board
Next meeting: May 23, 2014 (in the afternoon before the 2014 commencement ceremony)

Points of Pride

The office of Fellowships has been hard at work with 7 awards so far this spring:
Abigail Oakes, a junior Natural Science AOC, received a Udall scholarship for her work in community outreach and commitment to environmental education. Oakes was also named a Campus Compact Newman Civic Fellow.

Timothy Duff, graduating senior in Mathematics, received a Frost Scholarship to study at Oxford next year, as did **Kaitlin Statz**, a second May 2014 prospective graduate in Anthropology. Ten Frost Scholarships were awarded to State University System students who had been accepted for graduate study at Oxford University. This is the inaugural year of the Frost Scholarship Program, which is funded by the Frost Foundation and created by Board of Governors member Patricia Frost and her husband. The scholarship covers full tuition and college fees as well as a living stipend. Frost Scholars also have an exclusive orientation prior to the start of the academic year. It is wonderful (and timely) that two such awards should go to New College students.

Four Fulbright Scholarships so far have been awarded to graduating seniors. Congrats to **Drew Zay (Germany), Matt Klinkel (Taiwan), Laura Robinson (India)** and **Erich Barganier (Belarus).** We'll keep you posted if we hear of more.

NCF students participated in Relay for Life on April 5, raising $1380 in support of cancer research. Second-year student **Courtney Huff-Oelberg** was the team captain.

We had three recipients of the Longboat Key Garden Club Scholarship, **Isabella Soutullo, Nicolas Scheffer** and **Abigail Oakes.** Each received $3,000 to help support their educational endeavors.

Enrollment Services

We are pleased to announce three new appointments: Jodi Johnson as admissions coordinator in the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid, Susan Busch as assistant director of records in the Office of the Registrar and Patricia Collis as coordinator of computer applications in the Office of Information Technology. Patricia's position, which includes responsibility for numerous admissions and financial aid programming functions, was recently moved from Admissions and Financial Aid to Information

Technology so that other IT programmers can provide necessary backup on technology functions integral to the successful recruitment and enrollment of new students.

Office of Admissions and Financial Aid staff recently celebrated volunteer appreciation day to honor **Joe Angers, Joanne Christian, Chery Riedler,** and **Fredzalla Wallace**. This year's theme, "You are a Rock Star!" was certainly fitting, as these dedicated volunteers graciously contribute to the mission of the unit while saving the College thousands of dollars in mailing house services.

In addition, Admissions staff collaborated with Communications and Marketing staff on the design and text for a new off-campus study brochure, which will address the many requests we receive from prospective students for information on opportunities to study at other institutions in the U.S. and abroad while earning a degree at New College. Many thanks to **Brian Doherty** and **Florence Zamsky**, the primary authors of this new addition to our communication plan.

Advancement

Pique Nique Sur la Baie was a huge success, netting $108,000 this year which is more than double last year's proceeds. Funds support both New College of Florida with unrestricted dollars and the Jane Bancroft Cook Library. Additionally, there were approximately 100 new guests among the crowd of 515.

The Student Research and Travel Grant Committee met in mid-April and awarded 23 students just over $20,000. Also, I remind you the deadline for applications for the Alumnae/i fellows program is May 1. Information is available at www.ncf.edu/alum-fellows.

Some event highlights: on April 3, the Alumnae/i Association hosted a coffee break for current thesis students. Eight alums were in attendance to meet students, give advice and to share resources with students who had not yet determined post-graduation plans. The Foundation's annual scholarship reception connected donors and student scholarship recipients at the Keating Center on April 23. April 24 saw two events, the President's book conversation for donors and New College night out at Marina Jack's generously sponsored by foundation director and New College trustee Senator Bob Johnson.

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