

The Academic Bulletin

from the Office of the Provost of Calvin College

Monday, February 5, 2018

Please Join Us

Thank you to everyone who participated in the “strategic questions” community forums last fall, either online or in person. Over the last two months, the Vision 2029 committee worked with your ideas to draft a vision statement, which they shared with the Board of Trustees last week. Over the next three weeks, the Vision 2029 committee would like to gather ideas and feedback from faculty and staff by means of three forums that will be held at the following times:

- This Thursday, February 8: 12 noon–1:30 p.m., Meeter Center lecture hall
- Next Tuesday, February 13: 12 noon–1:30 p.m., Meeter Center lecture hall
- Friday, February 23: 2:00–3:30 p.m., Alumni Association board room

I know the demands on your time are significant. I urge you, however, to find time to attend one of these forums and to contribute your ideas to this developing statement. Your engagement with this draft between now and spring break will help the committee as it refines the vision statement during the second half of the semester in preparation for Board of Trustees review—and, we hope, approval—at its May meeting.

Please join us. I think you will find it rewarding to contribute to the ongoing discussion of Calvin’s future.

Cheryl Brandsen, provost

Seeking Nominations for Two Open Dean Positions: Applications Due Feb. 16

The 2017-2018 academic year marks the last year that Prof. Mike Stob will serve as the Dean for Academic Administration, and the last year that Prof. Matt Walhout will serve as the Dean for Research and Scholarship. I am grateful for their excellent service to the college, and later this year we will take time to thank them for their work.

We now begin two internal searches for new deans. These will be three-year positions, with opportunity for reappointment. Applications for both positions are due Friday, February 16.

Dean for Academic Administration

Prof. Julie Voskuil has graciously agreed to chair the search for the Dean for Academic Administration. The following people have agreed to serve on the search committee: Rachel Baker, Mike Bolt, Laura De Haan, Todd Dornbos, Kathi Groenendyk, Kristine Johnson, Jesse Moes, Marcie Pyper, and Joel Westra. Collectively they represent a wide swath of expertise in various aspects of academic administration. You can learn more about the application process, the position, and the qualities desired of the person filling this position here: <http://www.calvin.edu/admin/provost/facdocs/DeanAcademicAdministration.pdf>.

Dean for Faculty Development: Research, Teaching, and Learning

The Dean for Research and Scholarship position has been reconfigured and given the new title Dean for Faculty Development: Research, Teaching, and Learning. Candidates for this position are expected

to have leadership strengths either in research and scholarship or in teaching and learning, and experience in and ability to effectively oversee and work collaboratively with a team of faculty who support other areas of this position. The primary purpose of this reconfigured position is to promote and coordinate college efforts related to faculty development both in research and scholarship and in teaching and learning. Prof. Kristen Alford has graciously agreed to chair this search. The following people have agreed to serve on the search committee: Joke Ayoola, David Benson, Jeff Bouman, Crystal Bruxvoort, Neil Carlson, Kyle Heys, Won Lee, Karen Saupe, and Penny Dykstra-Pruim. Together they represent a wide swath of expertise in various aspects of faculty development, including research and scholarship, teaching and learning, diversity and inclusion, and new faculty development. You can learn more about the application process, the position, and the qualities desired of the person filling this position here: <http://www.calvin.edu/admin/provost/facdocs/DeanFacultyDevelopment.pdf>.

2018 NAC&U Summer Institute June 19–21

Interested faculty may submit a proposal to make a presentation at the [NAC&U Summer Institute](#) being held at Pacific Lutheran University. The theme is “Engaging Civility: Leading Dialogue in and beyond the University.” Proposals are being accepted until February 19; the original deadline of January 29 has been extended.

From the Faculty Activity Reports

- Christiana deGroot (Religion), “Community Engagement from the Inside Out” (lecture, National Conference on Higher Education in Prison, Dallas, TX, November 3, 2017).
- Jesse Holcomb (English), “[Information Disorder, Coming to a Congressional District near You](#),” *Nieman Journalism Lab* (December 2017).
- Derek Schuurman (Computer Science), “[Modern Devices and Ancient Disciplines](#),” *Faith Today* 61 (November/December 2017): 39–41.

Be sure to [fill out](#) your Faculty Activity Reports regularly. If you have questions, see the [FAQ page](#).

Coming Up on Campus (Check the [campus calendar](#) for a full list of events)

Monday, February 5

- Chapel. James Lee (Grace Korean GRC). 10:00 a.m., Chapel

Tuesday, February 6

- Chapel. Morning prayer with Kurt Schaefer. 10:00 a.m., Chapel

Wednesday, February 7

- Chapel. Hymn-sing. 10:00 a.m., Chapel

Thursday, February 8

- Chapel. Sounds of Navajo worship with Mark Charles. 10:00 a.m., Chapel
- CALL lecture series. Tara Day (Safe Haven Ministries), “The Challenges of Universal Forgiveness in the Face of Domestic Violence.” 12:00 noon, Chapel
- Vision 2029 forum. 12:00 noon–1:30 p.m., Meeter Center lecture hall

Friday, February 9

- Chapel. Calvin Gospel Choir. 10:00 a.m., Chapel