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# THREADS

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## A Message from Provost Usher

Congratulations on (almost) reaching the end of the semester! I've been so impressed by the work I've seen from our students. I'm not alone - the Board of Visitors met here on campus last week, and they got a chance to attend the last Winter CARD poster session. Members told me, unbidden, how much they enjoying learning from, and about, our students.

This issue of Threads really has two purposes. First, to list the members of three important committees- the [CVPA Dean Search Committee](#), the [CHBS Dean Search Committee](#), and the REAL General Education Task Force. I appreciate everyone who agrees to serve on committees like these, with a relatively short but intensive time commitment, and outcomes that have the potential to influence the Radford community for many years. Please feel free to thank these colleagues, and even better, bring them a cup of coffee when they look a little bleary-eyed!

The second is to encourage you to attend the [Commencement Ceremonies](#) (it's listed as a faculty responsibility in the T&R Handbook- just as a reminder!) and other graduation events, including pinnings and white coat ceremonies. It's important to be there for the students, but it's equally important for faculty and staff to attend for yourselves. You get a couple of hours to sit back and just relish the joy of the students and their families, knowing that you played a part in getting them all their degrees. And, you get to compare the various cap decorations and shoe choices (or maybe that's just me). I hope to see you there.

Threads will take a break until early January. I hope that you have a relaxing winter break and enjoy the coming of longer and brighter days, no matter which of the winter holidays you celebrate!

Bethany

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## General Education Improvement Task Force

As a part of the process to guide and launch a review of the REAL Curriculum and the status of General Education at Radford University, elections were completed to empanel the General Education Improvement Task Force. The members of the task force and the respective bodies they represent are provided below. The task force will formally convene to receive its charges, select a chair, and develop a timeline on Monday, December 16, 2024.

- **Christopher Monceaux, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Chemistry, *Artis College of Science and Technology*
- **Anna Devito, Ph.D.**, Professor of Health and Human Performance, *College of Education and Human Development*
- **Brock Cutler, Ph.D.**, Professor of History, *College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences*
- **LeAnna Ratliff, M.S.N., R.N.**, Instructor, *College of Nursing*
- **Amy VanKirk, M.F.A.**, Associate Professor of Dance, *College of Visual and Performing Arts*
- **Thomas Duncan, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Economics, *Davis College of Business and Economics*
- **Sarah Rakes, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Social Work, *Waldron College of Health and Human Services*
- **Courtney Watson, Ph.D.**, Professor of English, *Roanoke-Based Representative*
- **Kim Gainer, Ph.D.**, Professor of English, Associate Dean of the College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences, *Faculty Senate Representative*
- **Jerel Benton, Ed.D.**, Assistant Provost for Student Success, *Office of the Provost*
- **David Beach, Ph.D., M.F.A.**, Director of Undergraduate Curriculum and Professor of English, *Office of the Provost*

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## Dean Search Committees Named

The Search committees for the CVPA and CHBS deans have been selected in accordance with the updated section of the Teaching and Research Handbook (Section 1.3.3).

The searches are active now. You are welcome to post these to your networks (Listservs or job sites for professional organizations, or through your LinkedIn or other social media sites). If you know of colleagues who might be interested in the positions, you can send them the descriptions and encourage them to apply and be considered.

The search committees will start reviewing candidates in January, with a goal of having on-campus interviews in February. Candidates will be expected to present to the entire campus community, and will have sessions with constituent groups while on campus. We'll put the interview schedule here in the Threads newsletter when available.

Thanks to our colleagues for serving on these committees.

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Members of the Dean of the College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences search committee are:

- **Dean Steven Bachrach** - Artis College of Science and Technology (*Chair*)
  - **Ms. Kiersten Williams** - Undergraduate Student Representative
  - **Dr. Sharon Roger Hepburn** - College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences
  - **Dr. Frank Napolitano** - College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences
  - **Dr. Beth Layman** - College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences
  - **Ms. Kerie Hayes** - College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences (*Staff Representative*)
  - **Dr. Stephen Joyce** - College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences
  - **Dr. Kim Herbert** - College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences
  - **Dr. Dayna Hayes** - College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences
  - **Dr. Steven Fesmire** - College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences
  - **Dr. Lori Elis** - College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences
  - **Ms. Kristina Contreras** - Assistant Director of Advising
  - **Julian Quesenberry** - Graduate Student Representative
  - **Mr. Scott Light** - College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences - *Class of 1991*
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Members of the Dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts search committee are:

- **Dean Tamara Wallace** - College of Education and Human Development (*Chair*)
  - **Mr. Thomas Haushaun** - Graduate Student Representative
  - **Ms. Aurora Lara** - Undergraduate Student Representative
  - **Mr. Brent Webb** - College of Visual and Performing Arts
  - **Mr. Wesley Young** - College of Visual and Performing Arts
  - **Ms. Amy VanKirk** - College of Visual and Performing Arts
  - **Dr. Holly Cline** - College of Visual and Performing Arts
  - **Dr. Jennifer McDonel** - College of Visual and Performing Arts
  - **Mr. Sean Kotz** - College of Visual and Performing Arts (*Staff Representative*)
  - **Dr. Elliot Carhart** - Waldron College of Health and Human Services
  - **Mr. W. David Wheeler** - College of Visual and Performing Arts
  - **Mr. Mark Curran** - College of Visual and Performing Arts - *Class of 1982*
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## Office of the Registrar News

The Radford University's Office of the Registrar is pleased to announce the launch of a new electronic Faculty Grade Change form, available to all academic departments starting Monday, December 16, 2024. This new digital form, powered by Kuali Build, replaces the former paper form and the emailed submissions, allowing departments to streamline grade changes, reduce paperwork, and track requests in real-time.

The new form can be accessed conveniently through OneCampus by searching "*Grade Change Form*." Designed to simplify workflows, the electronic form routes requests through an automated approval process, sending an automatic email confirmation to the student and the instructor once the Registrar's Office has processed the request.

For any questions, feedback, and/or concerns, please contact the Registrar's Office at [registrar@radford.edu](mailto:registrar@radford.edu). Additional information will be sent to departments directly.

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