



# TEMPLE COLLEGE FACULTY COUNCIL

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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October 2016

### **Fine Arts**

Michael Donahue, Art Department Chair, was the keynote speaker for the major fundraiser for the Kerrville Western Art Museum a few weeks ago. He delivered a lecture called "Death on a Hillside – The Anatomy of an American Myth" about famous Custer's Last Stand paintings. All in all it was a success; they raised a lot of money and Michael donated a limited edition print.

On Sat. Oct. 1, Teri Johnson, Music faculty, attended the National Association of Teaching of Singing – South Texas Chapter Fall meeting. Of particular interest as it relates to student success in singing, Teri participated in a workshop on the "Feldenkrais Method" of body function and neuroplasticity and how it can be applied to singing and the teaching of singing.

Dr. Sara Harris Baker represented Temple College at the Texas Music Educators' Association College Division Fall Meeting on Friday, October 7 at the TMEA Headquarters in Austin.

Dr. Baker also reports that TC Students will participate in Masterclasses offered by singer/songwriter Amy Engelhardt during her Humanities residency on Oct. 17-19.

TC Vocal Point performed at the Temple Music Club on Sunday, October 16.

D. Kirkland, Speech Instructor, participated in a live streaming session with Amy & Michael Port's "Heroic Public Speaking" via Facebook. The couple shared their speech coaching techniques and demonstrated a rehearsal process with a volunteer speaker. Incorporating aspects of these techniques should help improve student success.

Ms. Kirkland also served as a judge in the Farm Bureau Speech Competition for high school aged students in Central Texas on Oct 8, and continues to lead the Temple Literacy Council as Board President.

### **Math, Science, & Physical Education**

Terry Austin, Biology Faculty, is piloting an online test proctoring service called Proctor U in his internet courses. As part of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) standards that must be met for accreditation, there is a new Federal Requirement (4.8.1) requiring institutions to document that the person who is registered for the class is the one participating in the course. Having proctored exams for internet courses is one of the options for demonstrating compliance with this federal requirement.

## **Liberal Arts**

Dr. Susan Guzman-Trevino, Division Director for Liberal Arts, reported these recent student comments regarding faculty in the Division of Liberal Arts:

### About Dr. Christopher Krejci, English:

“I do not think that I have ever enjoyed English or writing before, but thanks to your teaching, I have! You are the most fun and life-bringing professor that I’ve ever had. Thanks for bringing literature to life!”

### About Dr. Jamie Arnold, Psychology:

“Dr. Arnold is an absolute gem! The class was a delight to attend. She is articulate and has a great sense of humor. I liked the way she incorporates current and past events in her class as teaching aids. She is by far the best professor I had this year!”

### About Mr. Rick Pretzsch, Economics:

“Professor Pretzsch made learning fun. I really enjoyed the learning experience in this class. The text was somewhat difficult for me to follow; however, he presented the material in such a way that it was easier to understand.”

**Many thanks to the Board of Trustees for your service to and support of the students, faculty, and staff of Temple College.**

## AGENDA ITEM 7-b

### Reports: Educational Services

Staff Recommendation: No Action Required

The Educational Services presentation will be presented by Ms. Susan Crossno, entitled "Media Relations in Promoting Restaurant Startups."

Dr. Mark Smith and the Educational Services staff have prepared a report that follows this cover page. Dr. Smith and the staff will present brief reports on the activities of that area of TC at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 7-c

Temple College Foundation Report

Staff Recommendation: No Action Required

Mrs. Jennifer Graham, Director, Institutional Advancement and Alumni Affairs/Executive Director, Temple College Foundation, will report on upcoming events.