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Friends and Colleagues,

The academic year begins with great excitement as our spirits are lifted by the presence of new and returning students. Quickly, we devote ourselves to students as we immerse ourselves in teaching, research, service and other activities. The pace of each day quickens, and as we approach commencement season, I am ready to celebrate our graduates, a successful year and the arrival of summer. During summer, our work continues but necessary energy reserves are fortified. By late July, restlessness begins, and I start to long for the renewed sense of purpose and satisfaction that accompanies the next wave of new students. This week, the wave crashed down upon us, and we begin again renewed and ready to do our important work at this special place. I relish the rhythms of the seasons we share together in academia and am humbled that I get to share them with you.

With this newsletter, we launch a new initiative that we hope will improve communication and reduce the number of emails filling your inbox. In it, we plan to tell the good news of our community while providing updates and reminders of important events and activities. I hope that the newsletter will increase both our effectiveness and efficiency in matters transactional and allow our time together to be devoted to matters of importance. This is a pilot project; we seek your feedback on its utility and welcome your suggestions for both content and improvement.

Lastly, the name of the newsletter was a topic of some debate in my office this summer. While my recommendation Seaver Summarium “won”, I am fully confident that the decision was based primarily on my relative position within the office hierarchy and not the merit of my idea. So, if you have a better idea for the title of this tome, hopefully, one that is simultaneously scholarly, pithy, and perhaps even a *slight* bit irreverent (note the emphasis on slight, please), share it with us. If our esteemed editorial panel chooses your submission to adorn the top of this newsletter, you will be treated to a free lunch in the newly remodeled Faculty Dining Room!

Thank you for the many contributions you make to our community and especially for your tireless dedication to our students. May God bless and sustain you in this new year.

Sincerely,
Michael



New Platform Centered on Student Success

[Navigate](#) is a powerful new tool that integrates several University systems and provides a centralized advising hub where faculty may interact with students in meaningful ways.

A representative will be available in each of the divisions on the dates listed below. Faculty are encouraged to take advantage of this face-to-face time to troubleshoot the platform and learn new skills. Tutorials are also available online on Pepperdine's Navigate training page.

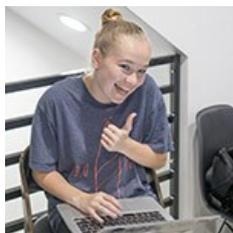
[Get Training](#)

Navigate Office Hours

AUG 29	11 AM - 3 PM	Religion and Philosophy and Social Science
AUG 30	9 AM - 1 PM	International Studies and Languages
SEPT 3	11 AM - 3 PM	Business Administration and Communication
SEPT 4	11 AM - 3 PM	Fine Arts
SEPT 5	11 AM - 3 PM	Humanities and Teacher Education
SEPT 6	9 AM - 1 PM	Natural Science

Download for Donuts

From September 9 through September 11, spend five minutes of your class to encourage students to download the Navigate mobile application, and the Dean's Office will deliver donuts to you and your students. [Sign Up](#) ►



The Impact of Internships

Faculty are encouraged to participate as internship supervisors to engage a student's skills beyond the classroom. Take a look at a [sample syllabus](#).



New Exhibit at Weisman Museum

From August 27 through December 9, the Frederick R. Weisman Museum of Art presents [It's All Black & White exhibit](#).



Faculty Dining Room Now Open

Visit the refreshed Faculty Dining Room and lounge, located in the Tyler Campus Center (TCC)! Affordable buffet lunches are available Tuesdays and Thursdays.



Maximizing the Minutes Before Class



Whether it's checking in on students individually, running a slideshow, or playing music, Christopher Heard, director of the Center for Teaching Excellence, shares his [tips](#) to maximize those few minutes before beginning class.

Important Dates

AUG 28 William M. Green Distinguished Christian Scholar, Amy Bost Henegar at 7 PM in Stauffer Chapel

SEPT 6 Deadline for Seaver Academic Council [Course Proposals](#)

SEPT 19 Deadline for [Faculty Dependent Travel Care Grant](#)

SEPT 18 Why Faith-Based Education Matters with Rabbi David Wolpe at 5 PM in the Raitt Recital Hall

SEPT 25 Founder's Day & [Inauguration](#) of President Jim Gash

Do you have a story about research or accomplishments you would like the newsletter to feature?

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