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College of Arts and Humanities

Overview

The College of Arts and Humanities is comprised of nine academic departments: Communication, English, History, Modern Languages and Literatures, Music, Philosophy, Theatre and Dance, Visual Arts and New Media, and Sport Management and Exercise Science. Dr. John Kijinski serves as dean of this college. The College of Arts and Humanities is the largest of the three colleges at the university, offering 29 degree and certificate programs. The college has over 2,000 majors of the 5,000 undergraduate students. The College of Arts and Humanities graduates about 400 undergraduate students per year, and has about 70 students in its graduate programs. The students are served by 130 full-time faculty, 94 part-time faculty, and 15 staff members. Recruitment is currently underway for 16 faculty positions. This includes 13 replacement positions, two new lines and one conversion line from the adjunct budget.

Highlights

A hallmark of the programs in the College of Arts and Humanities is student participation. At the center of cultural life on campus, the arts students have many opportunities to

participate in theatre and dance productions, musical events, and art exhibitions. Along with four full-scale theatrical productions per year in which faculty direct student actors, it also has all-student productions. Furthermore, the College of Arts and Humanities at SUNY Fredonia is one of the few colleges of this size in the country to present an annual opera.

Notable highlights of the College of Arts and Humanities include:

- Alberto Rey, distinguished painter and professor within the department of Visual Arts and New Media, was named a SUNY Distinguished Professor.
- The Sigurd Rascher Centennial Celebration, marking the 100th anniversary of the birth of the great saxophonist. This event included a performance by the Rascher Saxophone Quartet from Germany.
- Students from the college won academic, artistic, and athletic recognition. Scott Horsington, for example, an accomplished music major and competitive diver, won the SUNYAC Dr. Sam Molnar Award for best combination of athletics and academics in the conference.

Planning Assumptions

Planning assumptions for the 2008-2009 budget for the College of Arts and Humanities include:

- Full funding for existing positions.
- Funding for two new positions – one in Communication and one in Exercise Science.
- Funding for one conversion line in English.
- Funding of replacements for 13 positions in various departments.



Operating Budget

For the 2008-2009 academic year, the budget of the College of Arts and Humanities has been enhanced by the addition of two new tenure-track faculty positions. The first is in journalism. In the past, we have offered a strong Journalism minor. However, many students and parents of students have expressed a desire for a major in Journalism. We have developed a new and innovative curriculum for a Journalism major, which we will be able to offer students with the addition of this new position. The second new position that has been added to the college is in Exercise Science. This has been part of a popular interdisciplinary major. With the addition of this new position, we will be able to better serve the 75 students who will be able to declare Exercise Science as an independent major. Along with these two new positions, the college has also been authorized to convert a full-time temporary position to a tenure-track line. This line will

allow the Department of English to meet programming needs in the high demand area of writing. Each of these positions has been provided to meet student demand. They will allow us to further the mission of the college to offer Fredonia students a wide variety of excellent academic programs. In addition to these lines, the successful recruitment of 13 positions in various departments will enable the college to continue to offer high-quality classes across a wide spectrum of fields.



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