W. Rochelle Calhoun Talks about Campus Life

W. Rochelle Calhoun, Vice President for Campus Life, is a big picture thinker. For her the fundamental question is “Are the environments we’re creating (at Princeton) helping or harming student well-being?” She answers that question in the affirmative. According to Calhoun, the mission of Campus Life is to enhance and support the academic growth of students.

Today’s undergraduates have had far less control over their lives than those that preceded them. Campus Life’s mission is to provide them with social, moral and structural tools to productively manage newfound freedoms. Calhoun’s aim is for the Princeton community to see students holistically not just as “big wonderful brains.”

Her approach opposes the old tension between student affairs and academic affairs. Faculty are critical partners. Intellectual thriving is key, but this unnecessary competition is a distraction from this core mission.

Calhoun began her career in college administration while still a graduate student at Columbia University, where she coordinated curricular and co-curricular programs for students. Calhoun joined her alma mater, Mount Holyoke College, as an assistant dean of students responsible for working with students of color and with cultural organizations. She also held several other senior student affairs positions at Mount Holyoke before joining Skidmore College. There she served as dean of students and vice president for student affairs. She came to Princeton in 2015.

Campus Life is currently writing a strategic plan to be finished in January 2019. The focus is on student health and wellbeing to be achieved by an emphasis on resilience, and connectedness to the University community. Calhoun’s definition of student wellbeing, like that of the World Health Organization, goes far beyond just the absence of illness. Another key component of the plan is encouraging a sense of purpose and belonging on the part of all students.

Students live their lives both inside and outside the classroom. Calhoun sees Campus Life as responsible for “Creating an environment that gives every student the highest possibility of thriving and succeeding “allowing them to be their best selves everywhere.

The programming offered through Campus Life’s divisions are far reaching. Calhoun seeks to broaden the awareness of the entire University, including academic and program managers, of the resources Campus Life supports.
**STAFF CHANGES**

**Maureen Killeen** – Maureen Killeen joined the Department of Art & Archaeology as the Manager of Finance and Administration in August. She has worked in higher education administration since 1998 with the exception of one year as a high school U.S. history teacher. While at Princeton, Maureen has worked as the Course Offerings Administrator in the Office of the Registrar, a Program Assistant in American Studies, Program Manager of the Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice, and the Assistant Director of the University Center for Human Values prior to joining the Department of Art and Archaeology. She earned a bachelor's degree in politics and international affairs from the University of Richmond and master's degree in international relations from Seton Hall University, where she worked as an academic adviser and program coordinator.

If you have transferred or been promoted, or know of a change that we did not publish, please send along to Nancy (nbarthel@princeton.edu) or Janine (jcaloger@exchange.Princeton.EDU).

**RETIREMENT**

Congratulations and best wishes to Susan Lehre, who retired as of September 1, 2018, as the manager of Art and Archaeology after 29 years. Susan began her career at Princeton in the Department of Geosciences as a part-time casual office assistant. In 1991 she moved on to Art and Archaeology first as the graduate coordinator, then as the chairman’s assistant, and finally in 1997 as the manager. Susan is looking forward to sleeping past 5a.m. for the first time in 30 years, riding her bike along the Delaware near her home in New Hope, and working in her ever-growing garden. Asked about her time at Princeton, Susan said, “I have had a great life at Princeton and have fond memories of my days here—the department, the staff, the campus, the town. I am more than thankful for all that Princeton did for me. I have had a great ride!”

**SUMMER BUSINESS INSTITUTE**

*Are You Talking To Me? A Communications Toolkit for Managers,* was the theme of this year’s Summer Business Institute. Attendees were presented with their very own communications “toolkit” containing postcards with the main takeaway points of each session.
Project Management Essentials
One Day workshop – October 16, 2018

The essentials workshop is an activity-based program that gives you the opportunity to learn critical project-management skills through exercises, group discussion and application to a project. Attend Project Management Essentials to learn BOTH the technical and behavioral aspects of project management. You will learn how to plan for and execute the project plan AND how to select and manage the people chosen to be on the project team.

Details at: TCNJ Project Management Essentials

The Art and Science of Sound Decision Making

One day workshop: January 9, 2019

The Art & Science of Sound Decision Making is an activity-based one day program that provides the learner with a foundation in decision making strategies and practical tools that improve outcomes. It is based upon the book *Decisive – How to Make Better Choices in Life and Work* by Chip & Dan Heath.

Details at: TCNJ Sound Decision Making

Graduate Fellowship Tracking System
COMING SOON

The Graduate Fellowship Tracking System (GFTS) is a new system application to track and manage graduate student fellowships and related incentives. The project is sponsored by the Graduate School for central administrative use. The tool will allow for multiple views of the data: by student, by fellowship name and by fellowship category. It will integrate data sourced from multiple systems and make it accessible in a single system application with historical, current and future projection views. The application will have a planning focus and will capture future funding committed to students, such as multi-year awards or a banked year of funding.

One of the primary features will be a single view of the student with multi-year student record and financial data. Readily accessible consolidated information will enable the Graduate School to be more responsive to student, academic unit administrators’, and faculty requests for individual student information. Another major functionality will be the collection, management, and reporting of external fellowship awards. The tool will also enable the Graduate School to more efficiently allocate and track named recipients of endowed fellowships.

The key benefits of the application are:

- Visibility of graduate student financial assistance by student and fellowship, including information on non-standard fellowship awards (both internal and external) and incentives.
- Creation of a data repository - A repository of fellowship data will be invaluable in the decision-making process for initiatives related to graduate student funding.
- Reporting capability – A robust and flexible reporting capability will enable the Graduate School to create custom reports to replace the manual processes and be proactive in providing fellowship data in a consistent format to departments and others to facilitate planning.

Questions about the tool should be directed to Mary Bechler, Senior Associate Dean for Finance and Administration at mbechler@princeton.edu.
2018-2019 AMG General Meeting Schedule

Tuesday December 4, 12 – 1 pm
Monday February 25, 12 – 1 pm
Tuesday April 9, 12 – 1 pm
Location TBC: Louis A. Simpson Building B60

Please refer to the AMG website for the most accurate information.

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