



CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

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President

Dear Members of the Campus Community,

Earlier this week, I met with the chair of our three governance committees - the Staff Council, the Student Government Association, and the Faculty Steering and Conference Committee - to determine the final composition of the Strategic Planning Committee. It was a very good meeting and I want to express my sincere thanks to all who participated in the nomination process.

I am pleased to announce that Abby Van Slyck, dean of the Faculty, and Chad Jones, associate professor of Botany, have agreed to co-chair the committee and that the following faculty, student, and staff members have agreed to serve:

Mary Calarese, director of Financial Planning
Paulina Castillo, department of Dining Services
Michelle Dunlap, professor of Human Development
Noel Garrett, dean of Student Support, director of Academic Resource Center
Antonio Jefferson, director of Unity House
Chad Jones, associate Professor of Botany, co-chair
Grace Juster, class of 2016
Roxanne Low, class of 2019
Gil Mejia, class of 2017
John Nugent, director of institutional research and planning, staff
Chris Penniman, director of Instructional Technology
Darryl Phillips, associate Professor of Classics
Ken Prestininzi, associate Professor of Theater
Rob Richter, director of Arts Programming
Anne Rochette, supervisor, department of Facilities Management
Abby Van Slyck, dean of the Faculty, co-chair
Jake Varsano, class of 2018

John Nugent, director of institutional research and planning, will staff the Committee, and we have engaged Keeling & Associates, a strategic planning consulting firm, to work with the committee and the campus throughout the planning process. There will be many ways for you to participate. The Committee will host a number of events to solicit your ideas, report findings, and seek responses to the emerging themes as the plan begins to take shape. They will also ask you to offer your ideas through an online survey. I urge you to follow the progress of the planning in the coming weeks by consulting the Strategic Planning Committee website.



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With the ratification of our new Connections curriculum, Connecticut College is at an exciting turning point. This year of planning builds on the momentum generated by the curricular reform and offers a new opportunity for the campus to engage in dialogue about our aspirations for the future: to define the ways we can make our great College even greater. I look forward to your thoughtful and enthusiastic participation.

Yours,

Katherine Bergeron