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College Notes

Melanie Bass
UNC Charlotte

Richard McDevitt has joined UNC Charlotte as director of marketing services for university relations and community affairs.

McDevitt is an award-winning creative director and marketing professional with more than 20 years of experience. He has worked with Bank of America and Central Piedmont Community College, and has managed his own agency.

McDevitt will design, coordinate and evaluate the effectiveness of university-wide marketing initiatives to expand and enhance UNC Charlotte's reputation. He will work with the public relations, community affairs and materials management departments to oversee relationships with vendors and connect with other external partners to market the university.

McDevitt earned a bachelor's degree in communications from Appalachian State University and has taken post-baccalaureate classes at UNCC.

Bei-Tseng "Bill" Chu, professor and chairman of the department of software and information systems, will become interim dean of UNC Charlotte's College of Computing and Informatics on Aug. 1.

Chu joined UNCC as an assistant professor of computer science in 1988 after completing his Ph.D. at the University of Maryland-College Park. He has held a number of administrative positions as the Department of Computer Science in the College of Engineering transitioned to the College of Computing and Informatics.

His areas of specialization include enterprise integration, information privacy and security, electronic commerce and computer integrated manufacturing.

Chu will replace Mirsad Hadzikadic, who is taking a year's leave to attend the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. When Hadzikadic returns, he will establish the N.C. Complex Systems Institute to advance UNCC's agenda in the applications of computing to broad issues in defense, intelligence and society.

A national search will be conducted to recruit a permanent dean of the College of Computing and Informatics.

Johnson C. Smith

University

Johnson C. Smith University has a new division for student services, the Division of Enrollment Services and Student Success.

Formerly called the Division of Student Affairs, the new division will bring together all university functions that directly serve prospective and enrolled students.

Departments in the division include student activities, student support services, counseling and testing center, residence life, health services, religious life, judicial affairs, financial aid, admissions and the registrar.

A national search will be launched to fill the position of vice president of the new division by January 2009.

Queens University

of Charlotte

Bill Nichols has been appointed the new vice president for campus planning and services at Queens University of Charlotte.

He previously was associate vice president for facilities planning.

Nichols will serve on the president's senior leadership team, managing the development and implementation of the campus master plan. Nichols also will chair Queens' safety and security and sustainability councils and oversee the university's auxiliary operations such as its campus services, dining services, bookstore and Oce Service Center.

Nichols joined Queens in June 2005 and brings more than 30 years of architectural experience to his new position.

Nichols received a bachelor's degree in architecture from the University of Virginia in 1972. He has been the president of the American Institute of Architects North Carolina Chapter and the N.C. Architectural Foundation and was accepted into membership of the Association of University Architects in 2006.

Charlotte

School of Law

Charlotte School of Law students Stratford Kiger and Amanda Raflo, both of Charlotte, were awarded summer internships with Legal Services of Southern Piedmont.

Legal Services of Southern Piedmont provides legal assistance in civil matters to low-income persons in the Charlotte area and in west-central North Carolina, its Web site says.

Kiger is a graduate of Myers Park High School with a bachelor's degree in sociology from Salem College and an MBA from UNC Charlotte.

Raflo, also a graduate of Myers Park High School, received a degree in elementary education from UNC Chapel Hill.