

I am pleased to announce the following exciting additions to Academic Affairs:

Dean of Education, Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences (EHSBS) - Dr. Joachim Latzer

Joachim Latzer pursued an academic journey that led to the attainment of both a Master's and a Ph.D. in Chemistry and Biochemistry, with a specific focus on studying transcription factors. During his doctoral studies, Joachim developed a keen interest in cancer research, particularly in the context of lung cancer therapy. His research contributions in this area have been instrumental in advancing our understanding of the underlying mechanisms of this devastating disease and exploring potential treatment avenues.

In 2011, Joachim joined Southwestern College as a faculty member in the Chemistry Department, where he has since made significant contributions to the campus community. Beyond his role as a professor, Joachim has taken on additional responsibilities to enhance the educational experience for both students and faculty members. He has served as a Student Learning Outcome Coordinator, playing a pivotal role in shaping and improving the educational outcomes for students. Additionally, Joachim has taken on the responsibility of Tenure Review Coordinator, ensuring fairness and transparency in the tenure evaluation process. Furthermore, his expertise in data analysis has allowed him to excel as a Data Coach, supporting the development of data literacy of our faculty members. Recognizing the importance of faculty representation and advocating for their rights, Joachim has demonstrated his commitment to faculty by serving as the President-Elect for the Academic Senate. In this role, he was actively involved in fostering an environment that promotes collaboration, equity, and inclusivity among faculty members.

Following an open recruitment process, added to a track record of academic accomplishments, extensive research expertise, and a genuine dedication to teaching and learning, Joachim is excited to serve the faculty as the Dean of EHSBS at a start date to be determined and pending the Governing Board's approval at its July 10 meeting.

Jaguar Pathways Coordinator (Instruction) – Assistant Professor Cindy Pangelinan

Cindy Pangelinan is an Assistant Professor of Exercise Science in the WESA Department and has been a part of the Southwestern College community for 15 years. She was an adjunct professor for 14 years and just completed her first year as full-time faculty. Outside of the classroom, Cindy has been a leading faculty member in creating work-based learning opportunities for students in her role as a Work-Based Learning Coordinator. She also represents the WESA Department in the Career Education Committee. She has a passion for creating meaningful learning opportunities that foster student success and is excited to continue this work as the Jaguar Pathway Faculty Coordinator.

Cindy is replacing Professor Laura Gershuni in the role of Instructional Faculty JP Coordinator. Laura was instrumental in shaping the direction of JP during this last year and has my most sincere gratitude for her service to the College.

Please join me in welcoming Cindy and Joachim to their new roles on campus.

Respectfully,

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