

CCC Board of Education – Topic Summary	
Topic:	Full-Time Faculty Report
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Presenter:	Christopher Konieczka, Co-President
Division/Department:	Full-Time Faculty Association
RECOMMENDATION:	Information Only

**REASON FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION:**

This is a monthly report for Board information.

**May 2025 FTF Board Report****Jil Freeman –Center for Teaching and Learning**

Six faculty members successfully completed the Equity-Informed Rubrics Faculty Learning Community (FLC) over winter and early spring term. Faculty members attended 15 hours of training and completed additional independent and small group activities to analyze, give and receive feedback, and design or redesign rubrics to be transparent and equity informed learning and assessment tools that improve student outcomes and learning. This group was the pilot group for this FLC and there are plans to offer it again next academic year.

Faculty who completed the FLC are: Cindy Garner (AF Medical Billing) , Shilo Niziolek (AF English), Connie Plowman (AF Project Management), Amanda Coffey (FTF English), Taylor Donnelly (FTF English), kjirsten severson (AF Philosophy/Women’s Studies). The FLC was facilitated by Elizabeth Carney (FTF Center for Teaching & Learning)

**Eric Lee – WET/Engineering**

The engineering, manufacturing, and business departments hosted the school wide InventOR innovation challenge on April 22, where several CCC student teams pitched their ideas to a team of judges, including CCC’s Craig Connors and Joan San Claire. The winners of the competition received \$2500 to develop their prototype and were invited to a 3 day boot camp at PSU in early May where they learned about entrepreneurship and innovation. In June, they will compete with teams from schools across the state for a chance to win \$30,000 in prizes. [Congratulations](#) to the winning team, who developed a prototype to automatically deploy tees and the golf ball at the golf green without having to bend down--a creative innovation for golfers with certain mobility issues!

**Melissa Jones – Journalism**

Journalism students won 13 awards from the [Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association’s 2025](#)

[collegiate contest](#) on May 2 at Linn-Benton Community College in Albany. Among the prizes were first place awards for best website, best photography, best headline writing and best sports photo. Students also won awards for design, news writing and feature writing.

Also in journalism, CCC has its first reporting intern at The Oregonian this spring. In his first two weeks, Quinton Prudhomme has covered a Coast Guard rescue off the Oregon Coast and May Day marches in downtown Portland. His internship salary is paid for through fundraising we've done here at CCC in collaboration with retiree Linda Vogt, the CCC Foundation and the Linda Vogt Internship Scholarship that lives at the Foundation. Watch for [Quinton's byline in the Oregonian](#) this spring.



#### **Dawn Hendricks – Early Childhood Education**

Our Early Childhood Education and Education programs will be hosting a Grow Your Own Grant Summit for teacher preparation professionals from around the state on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Dawn Hendricks, dept chair, presented at the Children's Summit conference in The Dalles on Promoting Language and Literacy Development and also a parent workshop titled Building Bilingual Brains for Cedar Mill library in April.

#### **Amanda Coffey - English**

The English Department is looking forward to our annual Compose Creative Writing Conference on May 17th. This year's keynote speaker is the popular and prolific Stephen Graham Jones. Jones is a New York Times-bestselling author of nearly 40 novels, short story collections, novellas and comic books, including "The Only Good Indians," "My Heart is a Chainsaw," "Mongrels," "Earthdivers" and "I was a Teenage Slasher." Don't let his genre scare you away! We have a writers panel after the keynote and an afternoon of workshops with award-winning authors and comics creators. Admission is \$25 for the whole day (10am-3:45), only \$10 for students.

**Chris Konieczka – Horticulture**

Friday May 9<sup>th</sup> was our annual Spring plant sale in the Green 2 Parking lot. The sale brings hundreds of community members to campus to buy plants and find out about our programs. It is staffed by department employees and students and raises funds for the Horticulture Club. Our Bes of the Rest sales following the main sale also raise funds for the National Collegiate Landscape Competition team to travel to compete each year.