Dear Colleagues,

I want to thank all of you for your great participation in the strategic planning process so far. I know that it has required and will continue to require a great deal of your time and effort. Nonetheless, I do not believe that a successful or even a good plan can be developed without the on-going participation, attention, agreement, disagreement, constructive criticism, and assistance of the faculty of the School of Arts and Sciences. As the work of the task forces continues this semester, I know that all of you, even those not officially on a task force, will be asked again for your ideas, input, feedback, and assistance. And I thank you in advance for that help!

Have a wonderful semester!

Mary Jane Chase

STAFF

We want to officially welcome Michelle Gibbs-Parrish to the School of Arts and Sciences. Michelle came to us from Salt Lake Community College where she was a secretary in the Instructional Advising office. With over eight years experience in administrative management we had no doubt that Michelle could ‘manage’ the faculty in Arts and Sciences.

ART

Karen Sander is teaching Fundamentals of Pottery this spring. Karen received her B.A. in Art from Westminster in 1998 and has been the pottery lab assistant since that time. She also volunteers at several elementary schools teaching fourth and fifth grade students how to hand build pottery.

BIOLOGY

Larry Anderson and several of his students will be presenting three abstracts this semester. The first one is “Adherence of Enterococcus faecalis to human bladder epithelium and detection of adherence genes by Polymerase Chain Reaction” by Jeff Nicholes, Charlie Jones, Michelle Regruto, and Lawrence Anderson, Ph.D. at the American Association for the Advancement of Science Annual Meeting in Denver, CO, February 2003. The second is “E. faecalis Clinical Isolates and a Study of Their Adherence Genes in Genomic and Plasmid DNA” by Michelle Regruto, Jeff Nicholes, Charlie Jones (mentor Lawrence Anderson, Ph.D.) at the National Council on Undergraduate Research Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City, UT, March 2003. “Adherence of Enterococcus faecalis to Human Bladder Epithelial Cells” by Charlie Jones, Jeff Nicholes, Michelle Regruto (mentor, Lawrence Anderson, Ph.D.) will also be
presented at the National Council on Undergraduate Research Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City, UT, March 2003. The ultimate goal of their research is to develop an alternate method of treatment based on the blockage of adherence using molecular tools.

**Brian Avery** and his student Stacy Vroman will be presenting their work on the interaction of the drk adapter protein with the LRP/arrow developmental signaling pathway in Drosophila and a comparison of this interaction with similar pathways in mouse and C.elegans at the National Council on Undergraduate Research Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City, UT, March 2003.

**Judy Rogers** and her students Sydney Stringham and Taylor Bybee will also be presenting their work on the development of a method for extracting and polymerase chain reaction amplifying DNA segments from various species of birds, and the results of their sequence comparisons. The goal of their research is to use this molecular data to better understand the phylogenetic relationships between the species tested.

**Bonnie Baxter** is presenting at the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) meeting in Denver, February 13-16. The title is “Reforming Science Methods Courses: Identifying and Addressing the Problems through Multi-Level Assessment.” In addition, her research student, Kellen Sakrison, is presenting at the National Council on Undergraduate Research and her title is “DNA Repair as an Extreme Sport.” Bonnie also reports as the advisor of Tri-Beta (the Biological honor society) she and her students are organizing and will be hosting the Tri-Beta Western District Convention, April 3-5 on the Westminster campus. There will be several Westminster research students presenting at this convention.

The following biology majors and Tri-Beta members received research money ($1200 total) from Beta Beta Beta Biological Society for their research projects: Taylor Bybee (Rogers), Nicholas Hanson (Rogers), Michelle Regruto (Anderson), and Kellen Sakrison (Baxter).

**Ty Harrison** returned to teaching duties from his sabbatical leave at the University of Arizona in Tucson during fall semester. He was in residence at the internationally famous, one hundred year-old, Desert Laboratory, at the Department of Geosciences. His office was perched on the shoulder of a 700 ft. basalt peak in the middle of an 800 acre natural area of saguaro cactus, creosote bush, javalinas and road runners, all only one mile from historic, downtown Tucson. He did an extensive literature review for his research area dealing with native plants distribution in Utah over the past 10,000 years and worked with one of the country’s authorities on western North American plant paleo-biogeography. He had the opportunity to read extensively, attend seminars at the University of Arizona, plan for future research collaboration with professors there, and to travel into the desert mountains around Tucson, locally referred to as “sky islands.” He spent Thanksgiving lounging on Shell Beach, south of Puerto Penasco, on the Gulf of California. In his spare time he created thirty sense-of-place “found-object” assemblage sculptures, created from discarded and natural objects. An art gallery in Tucson may exhibit them in a one-man show this coming summer.
Ty Harrison and undergraduate Charles Kuehn were employed by a grant from the Friends of Alta, a local private foundation, to help create a new website that will describe the natural history of the Albion Basin at the head of Little Cottonwood Canyon. During the short summer season, over a thousand digital images were taken of native plants, animals and rocks in Albion Basin. An ecological inventory was begun to help interpret a detailed digital map of the area. Funds from the grant purchased a new lap top computer to handle the digital images from a new Sony camera. It was really tough having to hike trails in Albion Basin almost every day of the summer. The Remote Sensing Laboratory at Utah State University is helping create maps and cutting edge digital imagery for the web site which should be up and running sometime in 2003.

Richard D. Lainhart was hired this spring to teach Environmental Biology. He has almost thirty years of teaching experience and is “Faculty Emeritus” from Towson State University in Maryland. Richard has a B.S. in Biology and a minor in Chemistry from Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, Washington, an M.S. from Idaho State University in Zoology and Botany and a Ph.D. from Montana State University in Zoology and Botany.

CHEMISTRY

Paul Hooker and chemistry student Melissa Smith will be presenting a poster on an environmental lead assessment of a turn-of-the-century farmhouse located in Sandy, Utah at the National Council on Undergraduate Research Annual Meeting in March. They found that the house contains elevated levels of lead well above the natural background, up to 2000 parts per million. This is above the level recommended by the Environmental Protection Agency for clean up and removal of the soil.

COMMUNICATION/MPC

Helen Hodgson completed her year as president of the American Medical Writers Association at the annual conference in San Diego this past November. At the conference, she taught a workshop entitled “Theory of Learning Styles,” moderated a breakfast roundtable, and co-taught a workshop on how to lead a workshop, in addition to carrying out her presidential duties. She will continue on the Executive Committee in the role of immediate past president for one more year. This spring Helen will be teaching a number of medical writing workshops for corporate America, in places as far flung as Philadelphia and Los Angeles. Her spare time will be spent in Torrey—hiking, snowshoeing, and cross country skiing, as weather permits.

Rod Miller, an adjunct instructor who has taught Advertising Writing and Campaign Planning in the Communication undergraduate program, has a short story in the anthology, White Hats, released by Berkley Books last June. Its companion volume, Black Hats, due from Berkley Books in June 2003, will also include one of his stories. Still another of his stories will appear in Westering: A Fictional History of the American West, a hardcover anthology from Forge Books scheduled for release at about the same time.
**Grant Hogarth** is a new adjunct instructor teaching Writing for Business in the MPC program. He has a B.A. in English/Theater from the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, an M.A. in English from Ohio State University, and an M.S. in Technical Communication from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Grant has developed and taught writing classes, developed multi-level user and reference guides, and created on-line courses from base material. He is currently a senior information designer for McKinnon-Mulherin, Inc. in Salt Lake City.

**Kimberly Grob** will be teaching The Persuasive Power of Humor during May Term and What Professional Writers Can Learn From Literature this summer. She has a B.A. in Communication from Loyola University, and an M.F.A. in Creative Writing from the University of Arizona. Kimberly has taught in the English department at the University of Arizona and is currently a Senior Writer at Euro RSCG Interaction involved with interactive communications projects including websites, webvertising, and HTML emails.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE**

**Robert Erickson** and four of his students, January Gilligan, Brandon Toone, Phillip Bailey, and Michael Wynkoop, will be attending the National Council on Undergraduate Research in March. The students will be presenting a poster on their work this past summer, “Autonomous Robotic Navigation.”

**ENGLISH**

**Georgiana Donavin** is keeping busy with the Steering Committee, editorial projects for Disputatio, piloting a new Foundations course and planning a wedding. She is marrying Bob King in June and is especially looking forward to their conversations, travels and alliance in the parenting of a teenager.

**Susan Gunter** is giving a paper at a Women’s Studies Conference in Milwaukee in March titled, “Alice James’s Poetic Voice: From Margin to Center.” Also, two of her poems have been translated into Bulgarian: “Sour Cherries” and “Seascape.” Finally, her book, Dearly Beloved Friends: Henry James’s Letters to Younger Men, was featured in Choice, as one of the University of Michigan Press’s three most significant books for 2001-2002.

**Elree Harris** and eight Westminster seniors in this spring’s English Senior Seminar are participating in the planning and exhibition design of an exhibit opening at the University of Utah Museum of Fine Arts. The exhibit, titled “The Other Side of Childhood: Nightmare Images in Alice’s Dream,” features the museum’s newly-acquired edition of Alice in Wonderland illustrated by Salvador Dali. In keeping with Dali’s surrealistic illustrations, the exhibit also features other illustrators of Lewis Carroll’s works from Europe, South America, Australia, and the United States. An opening reception at the museum will be held on Saturday, February 8 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Alan Davison is going to play Spanish music in honor of Sr. Dali and all are invited to attend.
Fatima Mujcinovic’s article on the portrayal of exile in U.S. Latina literature is forthcoming in one of this year’s issues of the *Journal of Multi-Ethnic Literatures of the US* (MELUS). Fatima has also been active with helping several English majors apply to graduate school, and she will sponsor an undergraduate paper for presentation at the National Undergraduate Literature Conference at Weber State University in April. She is delighted that her student Teresa Knight has submitted an interdisciplinary literary analysis, “The Grotesques of *Winesburg*, Ohio: The Problem of Subjective Truths,” at a conference that features original research by undergraduates.

**HONORS**

Richard Badenhausen gave a talk on “Incorporating City-As-Text Approaches into the Honors Curriculum” at the National Collegiate Honors Council meeting this past November. He also sat on a panel that discussed undergraduate research and Honors. Eleven Westminster Honors students delivered refereed, academic papers at the conference.

**LANGUAGES**

Deyanira Ariza-Velasco is pleased to report she completed her dissertation in December. While on Christmas break visiting family in her native Colombia, she was invited to present at a conference hosted by Santo Tomas University in Bogota City and Bucaramanga City in August, 2003. The topics are related to law and philosophy and she said her doctoral thesis could “fix” on these themes. She said it will be a great opportunity to serve the university where she studied law and political science a long time ago.

Steve Haslam attended the Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association Conference in Scottsdale, AZ in October. In addition to all the very informative sessions on foreign language pedagogy, he enjoyed visiting Frank Lloyd Wright’s Taliesin West.
Takashi Ebira participated in a two-day workshop titled “Foreign Languages: Teaching with Technology” in November at ACTFL (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages) pre-conference workshop held in Salt Lake City. Takashi’s students have been collaborating with students of Waseda University in Japan through the internet. This was the “brain-child” of professors James Fegan, Akiko Takagi (Waseda) and Takashi. Waseda University is one of the most highly regarded private universities in Japan. They launched a discussion board called “Waseda-West.” They have been exchanging messages based on various topics and are looking forward to having video conferences someday soon.

Congratulations to Anabel Pinero, a long-time associate instructor in Spanish. The I-TESOL (Intermountain Teachers of English to speakers of Other Languages) awards committee selected Anabel to receive the Distinguished Service Award. She was recognized at the I-TESOL Conference held in October last year at the College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls, Idaho.

Gloria Gilmore, a former adjunct instructor in Spanish, wanted us to know that has her chapter, “Marie de France’s Bisclavret: What the Werewolf Will and Will Not Wear,” is included in a book published by Palgrave St. Martin Macmillan entitled *Encountering Medieval Textiles and Dress*. Gloria is an Assistant Professor of Languages at the University of Minnesota, Morris.

There are four new adjuncts teaching this spring in the language program.

Isabelle Fagard is teaching Advanced French II. She has a B.A. and an M.A. in English from the University of Aix-en-Provence, France and an M.A.T. from the University of Utah. Isabelle is currently teaching part-time at the University of Utah and is a translator for juvenile disputes at the Matheson Court House.

Aissata Gadjibo has a B.A. in English/ESL from Ecole Normale Superieure, Bamako, Mali, and an M.A. in Languages and Literature from the University of Utah. She is teaching French III this fall. Last year Aissata worked as a French teacher for the 2002 Salt Lake Olympic Games Organizational Committee and taught at the University of Utah Department of Languages and Literature.

Selova Merinni-Ernsten is teaching French I this fall. She has a B.A. in American Literature from the University of Utah, and an M.A. in Foreign Language from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Besides teaching, Selova’s interests include the study of languages, French Culture and Francophone Literature, technology, traveling, and horseback just to name a few.

Jeffrey Whiteley is also teaching French I. He has a B.A. in Humanities and an M.A. in French Studies from Brigham Young University. In addition to teaching, Jeffrey has been a band leader for the past 18 years performing in Europe, Canada, and Utah.
MATHEMATICS

The math faculty hosted a meeting of the Intermountain Section of the Mathematics Association of America, October 25-26, 2002. Richard Wellman is the webpage editor for the organization (there’s a link to the page from the math program page), and Carolyn Connell is the section chairperson.

Karen Reed Craig is teaching Elementary Algebra this fall. Karen returns to Westminster where she received her B.A. in Math/Secondary Education and has an M.S. in Math from the University of Utah. She currently teaches math at Riverview Junior High School in Murray.

MUSIC

Chris Quinn is on sabbatical this spring and Karlyn Bond has assumed the responsibilities of Music Director and Program Chair. Before leaving for sabbatical Chris hired two new adjuncts to teach in the program:

Michael Huff is conducting the Westminster Singers this spring. He has a B.Mus, Instrumental Music Education and an M. Mus, Choral Conducting from the University of Utah, and a D.M.A. in Choral Conducting from Arizona State University. Michael is currently an Associate Conductor and Accompanist with the Utah Symphony Chorus and plays keyboards, piano and vocals with the Joe Muscolino Band in Salt Lake City.

Sun Mi Ro is teaching Music Theory I. She has a B.M. and an M.A. in Music Composition from San Francisco State University, and is a Ph.D. candidate in Music Composition and Theory at the University of Utah.

Dean Kaelin performed six concerts in the Jewett Center during the month of December and released a new cantata about the last week of Christ’s life. The cantata is entitled “He Lives!” and is scored for soloists, full choir, and full orchestra, and the reviews were very good. We will be doing three performances of this work at Easter as well. He has also translated and released his “Songs for Special Occasions” book and CD into Spanish.

Marjorie Janove is playing a benefit piano recital for the Food Bank at the Unitarian Church, 1300 East 600 South on March 15 at 7:30 p.m. On May 17 Marjorie will be playing Beethoven’s Third Piano Concerto with the Salt Lake Symphony at Libby Gardner Hall on the University of Utah campus.

Roberta Shimensky reports the Westminster’s Women’s Choir will have the honor of premiering two choral compositions as part of our Washington, DC Tour this semester. The works were written for the Women’s Choir by Composer John Allanbrook, graduate student in composition at the University of Michigan. The texts of the two pieces, “Superstition” and “The Alabaster Woman Speaks,” are poems written by Doug Wright. The works will be premiered on campus at the choir’s Home Concert Friday, April 11.
PHILOSOPHY/RELIGION

Michael Popich has had his paper, “From the Definition of ‘Genocide’ to Intervention in Genocide,” accepted for presentation at the Fifth Biennial Conference of the International Association of Genocide Scholars, June 7-10, 2003, Galway, Ireland. His second paper, “Is There Distributive Justice Without Violence?” has also been accepted for presentation at the annual Colloquium on Violence and Religion, June 18-21, 2003 at Innsbruck, Austria.

Jason Goltz is a new adjunct this spring teaching Introduction to Philosophy. He has a B.A. in Philosophy from Northern Arizona University, an M.A. in Philosophy from the University of Wyoming, and a Ph.D. in Philosophy from the University of Utah. His areas of specialization include Kierkegaard, Wittgenstein, and Kant’s Ethics.

James Wakefield’s book, Jurgen Moltmann: A Research Bibliography, was published by Scarecrow Press in November, and he will be reading a paper on “The Theological Exegesis of Scripture in the Works of Jurgen Moltmann” at the Great Plains Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, April 4-5, 2003 in Boulder, CO.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Marlene Lambert is a new instructor teaching a Yoga class. She has a B.A. in Anthropology, and is working on her M.S. in Anthropology from the University of Utah. Marlene is a licensed massage therapist and a Registered Yoga Teacher. She has been teaching yoga professionally since 1998.

Tasha Poduska has been hired as the new women’s volleyball coach and is teaching volleyball and fitness for life. She has a B.A. in Psychology and Athletic Coaching from the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. In addition to her athletic ability, Tasha is a registered representative/financial advisor with ING Reliastar in Salt Lake City.

Kristen Ross has a B.S. in Psychology from Westminster College and is teaching Jazzercise. She currently works in the Admissions office on campus and is a certified jazzercise instructor.

PHYSICAL SCIENCES

David Goldsmith and his student Jonathan Newman will be presenting their work examining patterns of morphology in post-Bonneville snail genera at the National Council on Undergraduate Research in Salt Lake City in March, 2003. They have determined that these genera have a characteristic morphology when they occur individually, but that they diverge from one another when they co-occur. This pattern is a wonderful example of character displacement most likely due to competition between the genera.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Chuck Tripp had a letter-to-the-editor published in the Deseret News (December 14, 2002) defending Moslems against the many editorial attacks against them following 9/11. He was quoted extensively in a Utah indymedia (www.Utah.indymedia.org) article by Tom King this past December 5, 2002 as we protested Russia’s continuing war against
Chechens. He is also circulating two article manuscripts based on his summer, 2002 research in Azerbaijan intended for publication in journals.

**Waco Worley** is a new adjunct teaching International Relations this spring. He has a B.A. in Political Science and Asian Studies from Utah State University, an M.A. in East Asian Studies from the University of Arizona, and is A.B.D. in Political Science at the University of Utah.

**PSYCHOLOGY**

**Lesa Ellis** has just finished co-authoring a book chapter entitled “Temperament and Self-Regulation” for the upcoming *Handbook of Self-Regulation*. She will be giving a talk about her doctoral work at the Society for Research in Child Development biannual conference in Tampa in April. In February she plans to go to Hampton College (a traditionally black college) in Hampton, VA to talk about her work and to train undergraduates to assist in a project similar to work being done in the lab she worked in at the University of Oregon. This research used computerized reaction time tasks to measure individual differences in attentional control. The reaction time tasks were originally developed for use in neuroimaging studies and activate areas of the brain thought to be important in attentional regulation of emotion and behavior. Performance on the attentional tasks was shown to be related to behavioral measures of self-regulation.

**Paul Presson** will be going back to the University of New Hampshire over spring break to work with Victor Benassi, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies, and Paul Nelson, Associate Deputy Executive Director for Education for the American Psychological Association on the Preparing Future Faculty program. Specifically, they will be revising the details of an online graduate course in college teaching that they began last summer and that Paul will be teaching this summer.

**Christine Chess** is teaching Psychology of Women this fall. She received her B.S. in Psychology from Westminster College, an M.S. in Social Work at Smith College for Social Work, Northampton, MA., and her Clinical Social Worker Licensure/Certification last fall. She worked with faculty at Westminster researching such topics as gay/lesbian parenting issues, pre-adolescent girls’ psychosocial development and assisted in curriculum development for a May term mother/daughter course.

**SOCIAL SCIENCE**

**Iqbal Hossain** is teaching Juvenile Delinquency this spring. He has a B.A. and an M.A. in Sociology from the University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, and a Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Utah where he has been an adjunct instructor for the past fifteen years. Iqbal currently works in the Executive Director’s Office, Utah Department of Corrections, Salt Lake City, where he is also a Training Manager.

**SPEECH/THEATRE**

**Michael and Nina Vought** are proud to mention their fall production of *Spinning Into Butter* made it into the *Deseret News*’ top ten semi-professional/collegiate plays of the year in Utah.
Four new adjuncts are teaching in the program this spring.

**Angela Hurd** has a B.A. in Communication Studies from Taylor University and an M.A. in Speech Communication from Texas Tech University. She is teaching Public Presentations and Business and Professional Communication. Angela has been an adjunct instructor for the past 4 years at Salt Lake Community College and in her spare time teaches aerobics. She says her students describe her as “animated, quick-thinking, and tough.”

**James G. Martin**, a former Westminster graduate, returns as an adjunct instructor this spring teaching Creative Dramatics. Jim has a B.A. in Elementary Education/Theatre from Westminster College and an M.E.D. with a Level II Reading Endorsement from the University of Utah. He teaches first grade at Escalante Elementary School and is an adjunct instructor at the University of Utah.

**Bonnie Million** is teaching Basic Principles of Oral Communication this spring. She has a B.A. in Sociology and Government from Indiana University in Bloomington, a Certificate in Technical Writing, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, an M.A. in English from Utah State University, and is currently a Ph.D. candidate in Communication at the University of Utah. She is a technical editor, medical writer, and consultant for several companies in Salt Lake and Park City, as well as an adjunct instructor at Salt Lake Community College.

**Craig Rich** has a B.A. in Theatre Arts from Case Western Reserve University and an M.F.A. in Directing from the University of Utah. Craig also has training in stage combat and mask and mime. In addition to teaching Survey of the Theatre, Craig is currently the Artistic Director of Salt Lake Shakespeare and is responsible for fundraising, long range planning, negotiating artist contracts, and organizing and leading workshops for educational/outreach activities.