

# ACADEMIC AFFAIRS – FALL OPENING

Monday, August 20, 2018

1:30-5:00 pm

Great Hall, Hunter Conference Center

## *Modeling a Learning Mindset*

### **Provost's Welcome: 1:30-2:30 pm, Great Hall**

Please join Provost Brad Cook as we reflect on last year's key academic accomplishments, welcome new people and announce recent changes in Academic Affairs, recognize some of our outstanding faculty and staff, and identify key themes, upcoming initiatives, and top priorities for the Division of Academic Affairs for the upcoming year.

Provost Cook will also introduce the theme for the 2018-2019 academic year: Modeling a Learning Mindset.

### **Conference-Style Break-Out Sessions: 2:30-5:00 pm, Hunter Conference Center (various rooms)**

Thinking of the topics below as a lens, each session will address the overarching theme "Modeling a Learning Mindset" and explore ways that faculty and staff can ensure SUU students receive the support and encouragement they need to succeed.

Session	Time	Great Hall	Charles Hunter	Vermillion Cliffs	Yankee Meadows	Shooting Star	Whiting Room
1	2:30-3:00	President & Provost Open Forum	Promotion & Tenure Policy Forum	Academic Advising & Career Center	Teaching & Learning: Cultivating Mindset	International Students & Study Abroad	Online Teaching & Learning
<i>Break</i>	<i>3:00-3:10</i>						
2	3:10-3:40	President & Provost Open Forum	Promotion & Tenure Policy Forum	Academic Advising & Career Center	Teaching & Learning: Cultivating Mindset	International Students & Study Abroad	Online Teaching & Learning
<i>Break</i>	<i>3:40-3:50</i>						
3	3:50-4:20	Faculty Senate Open Forum	Promotion & Tenure Policy Forum	Veterans & Non-Traditional Students	Open Educational Resources & Open Pedagogy	Diversity & Inclusion	Understanding Generation Z
<i>Break</i>	<i>4:20-4:30</i>						
4	4:30-5:00	Faculty Senate Open Forum	Promotion & Tenure Policy Forum	Veterans & Non-Traditional Students	Open Educational Resources & Open Pedagogy	Diversity & Inclusion	Understanding Generation Z

*Note: Brief session descriptions are on the back. Light refreshments will be available during the breaks.*

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**Tuesday, August 20, 2018 | 2:30 – 5:00 pm**  
**Hunter Conference Center**  
**Conference-Style Break-Out Sessions**

**Session Descriptions:**

*President & Provost Open Forum:* President Wyatt and Provost Cook will host an open forum to answer questions, listen to concerns, and receive suggestions. (Great Hall, Sessions 1 & 2)

*Faculty Senate Open Forum:* Faculty Senate President Dr. David Berri and President-Elect Dr. Steve Barney will host an open forum to answer questions, listen to concerns, and receive suggestions. (Great Hall, Sessions 3 & 4)

*Promotion and Tenure Forum:* Policy 6.1 has been revised to align with SUU's mission with a developmental focus. Transition Team Chair Dr. Johnny MacLean will describe how the faculty will use the 2018-2019 academic year to prepare for full implementation of the revised Policy 6.1 beginning in August 2019. The revised policy aims to cultivate a learning mindset. (Charles Hunter, Sessions 1-4)

*Academic Advising and Career Center:* Representatives from Academic Advising and the Career Center will host a session that explores how advising can help us to better understand our students, including their worries, their ambitions, and their strengths. (Vermillion Cliffs, Sessions 1 & 2)

*Veterans and Non-Traditional Students:* Representatives from the Veterans Center and the Non-Traditional Student Center will host a session on intersecting student identities and how Academic Affairs can partner with Student Affairs to provide students with the support they need. (Vermillion Cliffs, Sessions 3 & 4)

*Teaching & Learning: Cultivating Mindset:* The Center of Excellence for Teaching & Learning (CETL) will host a session on what mindset is, how it can affect student performance, and how we as educators can foster a learning mindset in our students. (Yankee Meadows, Sessions 1 & 2)

*Open Educational Resources & Open Pedagogy:* Representatives from the Library will host a session on Open Educational Resources (OERs) and Open Pedagogy. When students not merely passive readers but are instead actively engaged in the creation of key course texts and invited to contribute to the learning environment, they tend to be more motivated, see the relevance of learning, and can apply what they learn to new contexts. (Yankee Meadows, Sessions 3 & 4)

*International Students & Study Abroad:* Representatives from SUU's Office of International Affairs will provide an overview of the specific challenges our international students face and how we can support students to ensure their success. Also, representatives from the Office of Learning Abroad will present information to ensure faculty design meaningful and successful Study Abroad trips for students. (Shooting Star, Sessions 1 & 2)

*Diversity & Inclusion:* Chief Diversity Officer Dr. Schvalla Rivera will host a session on how faculty and staff can model a learning mindset as we all contribute to a healthier and more inclusive environment at SUU. (Shooting Star, Sessions 3 & 4)

*Online Teaching & Learning:* Representatives from the Office of Online Teaching & Learning (formerly called SUU Online) will introduce new features in Canvas that will enhance the online learning environment in face-to-face, hybrid, and online courses. They will also describe new staff roles, new services, and where to go for help. (Whiting Room, Sessions 1 & 2)

*Understanding Generation Z:* Representatives from the Division of Student Affairs will describe the demographics and general characteristics of SUU's incoming student body. Understanding SUU students better can help faculty create more effective learning environments. (Whiting Room, Sessions 3 & 4)