

New Faculty Orientation
Tuesday, August 19, 2025
Gunn University Commons 330

Check-in and Refreshments (8:00 – 8:30 AM)

Welcome (8:30 – 8:50 AM)

- Dr. Kenneth D. Kitts, President
- Dr. Brien N. Smith, Provost and Executive Vice-President for Academic Affairs

Session: VIPs of New Faculty Success (8:50 – 10:50 AM)

Time	Name	Position
8:50 – 9:05 am	Dr. Justin Carter	Faculty Senate President, 2025–2026; Associate Professor, Management
9:05 – 9:20 am	Dr. Vince Brewton	Dean, Delores and Weldon Cole Honors College
9:20 – 9:35 am	Dr. John Gurley	Director, Grants and Sponsored Programs
9:35 – 9:50 am	Ms. Catherine White	Associate Vice President, Human Resources
9:50 – 10:05 am	Dr. Eric Kirkman	Director, Kilby Laboratory School; Associate Professor, College of Education and Human Sciences
10:05 – 10:20 am	Mr. Ethan Humphres	Chief Information Officer/Assistant Vice President, Information Technology Services
10:20 – 10:35 am	Mr. John McGee	Executive Director, Educational Technology Services
10:35-10:50 am	Dr. Jeff Ray	Faculty Athletics Representative; Professor, Biology

Break (10:50 – 11:00 AM)

Roundtable: Success as a New Faculty Member (11:00 AM – 12:00 PM)

Moderator: Dr. Sarah Franklin, Associate Provost for Academic Excellence

- Dr. Neysa Brown, Assistant Professor, Nursing and Health Professions, Anderson College of Nursing
- Dr. Chris DaSambiagio-Moore, Assistant Professor and Program Coordinator, Clinical Mental Health Counseling, College of Education and Human Sciences
- Dr. Sara Johnson, Associate Professor, Chemistry, College of Arts, Sciences, and Engineering
- Ms. Felicia Jones, Lecturer, English, College of Arts, Sciences, and Engineering
- Dr. Mark Terwilliger, Professor, Computer Science, Sanders College of Business and Technology

Lunch (12:00 PM)

*** Please remember to attend the Annual Faculty and Staff Meeting today at 2 p.m. in Norton Auditorium. ***

New Faculty Orientation Events 2025-2026

- **Faculty New Hire Orientation**, Friday, September 26, 2:00 – 3:00 PM; via Teams
 - Ms. Dana Gurley, Associate Director, Payroll and Benefits
 - Ms. Becky Price, Benefits Specialist, Human Resources

- **Navigating Promotion and Tenure**, Wednesday, October 1, 3:30 – 4:30 PM; Gunn Commons, 330.
 - Dr. Ryan Zayac, Dean, College of Arts, Sciences, and Engineering (CASE)

- **Tools for Teaching: Navigating the Library and Canvas**, Wednesday, November 5, 3:30 – 4:30 PM; Computing and Mathematics Building, 215.
 - Ms. Jennifer Maddox, Instruction and Student Engagement Librarian, Collier Library
 - Mr. John McGee, Executive Director, Educational Technology Services

- **Festive Finale: Join us to celebrate the completion of your first semester!** Friday, December 12, 1:00 – 2:00 pm; Collier Library.

- **Pathways to Student Success**, Wednesday, February 4, 3:30 – 4:30 PM; Gunn Commons, 330.
 - Ms. Allie Mills, Director, University Success Center
 - Dr. Rickey McCreless, QEP Co-Director/Assistant Director, External Connections and Student Success, University Success Center
 - Dr. Laura Williams, Assistant Vice Provost, Academic Affairs/Assistant Dean, Graduate and Online Education

- **Partners in Student Affairs**, Wednesday, March 11, 3:30 – 4:30 PM; Gunn Commons, 330.
 - Dr. Minnette Ellis, Associate Vice President and Dean of Students/Executive Director for University Priorities