New Faculty Introduction
Jennifer Dawson, who goes by Jenny, is an Assistant Professor of Nursing. She received a bachelor’s degree in nursing from UNA in May 1997, a master’s degree in family practice nursing from UAB in August 2000, and a doctorate degree in nursing practice from UAB in December 2010. Prior to her appointment in nursing, she worked for the past five years as a family nurse practitioner in the Bennett Health and Wellness Center on campus. This semester, she is teaching NU 410, Pediatric Nursing.

Congratulations
Three UNA alumni who now work at UNA received awards at the Homecoming Alumni Banquet on September 23. Congratulations to Drs. Wanda Bradford and Lynn Aquadro in the College of Nursing and Allied Health and Stanley Hurst in Facilities Administration for their accomplishments.

Good Job!!
Dr. Chizuru Saeki, Associate Professor of History, has received word that her book Sightless Ambassadors: Iwahashi Takeo and His Followers’ Cultural Diplomacy through Social Welfare for the Blind in Asia, 1937-1957, will be published by Kwansei Gakuin University Press, a university press in Japan. Congratulations to Dr. Saeki. Please keep our office posted on major scholarly accomplishments so we can share them with the campus.

Graduate Council
The Graduate Council held its initial 2011-12 meeting on September 22. Thanks to Dr. Vicky Hulsey for serving as chair of this important committee.

Tenure
The following faculty members were recently awarded tenure: Dennis Balch, Jana Beaver, Debbie Christopher, Lisa Clayton, Matthew Fitzsimmons, Mark Foster, Marisa Frederick, Beth Garfrerick, Victoria Hulsey, Scott Infanger, Keith Jones, Katherine Kinney, Robert Koch, Glenn Marvin, William Verrone, Laura Williams. Congratulations to each for achieving this academic milestone.

Advisement Reminder
Students are typically eligible (teacher education and nursing have exception clauses) to complete their degree under the catalog requirements in place when they enter. It is considered a contract between the student and the university. When curriculum changes are approved in a program, regardless of the effective date, students currently enrolled have an option to either meet the old requirements or the new ones. If the older courses are no longer offered and the student wishes to complete the previous curriculum, it falls to the department to provide substitutions to accommodate the student if such
requested. When academic advisement occurs, it is important that students be given this option and their coursework selections approved and tracked accordingly. Thank you.