

Faculty Council reorganizes for academic 2019: introducing Council Chair Dr. Whitt

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Faculty Council Chair Dr. Jacqueline Whitt opens the first meeting of the academic year for resident and distance education faculty, and elective faculty who lend functional expertise to the students' options.

New Faculty Council Chair Dr. Jacqueline Whitt met with faculty members today, introducing the new executive committee and identifying ay2019 priorities.

“The faculty council is all of us,” she said, to clarify that the council is a body intended for discussion and collaboration among all of the nearly 200 individuals who teach in some capacity. The faculty is inclusive of the resident and distance faculty, the latter including drilling reservists who are on campus during limited periods.

The Executive Committee shoulders responsibility for planning, scheduling, and communicating on behalf of the faculty, she noted. Whitt’s executive committee includes Vice Chair Joel Hillison; Executive Secretary,

Al Bourque, and at-large members Phil Cuccia and Doug Waters. That committee is drawn from both civilian and military faculty, and includes representation from the School, Strategic Studies Institute, and the Center for Strategic Leadership.

A similar balance among faculty from the School and all institutes, military and civilian, is part of the design for ad hoc committees and these standing committees: Credentials, Student Affairs, Faculty Affairs and Academic Affairs.

Dr. Bill Pierce closed two years as Faculty Council Chair with thanks to the faculty colleagues who supported him and the council, especially those who worked hard behind the scenes, he said, referring to the credentials committee as example.

Whitt identified these executive committee priorities as she opened the window to a wide set of options for the council to consider for action.

- Develop sense of faculty identification: What does it mean to be faculty at the War College?
- Represent faculty viewpoints in institutional decision-making and advise USAWC leaders on issues of concern to faculty
- Facilitate communication across governance structures, between faculty and USAWC leaders
- Reinvigorate Faculty Council standing committees, executive committee and ad hoc committees as venues for discussion and collaboration.

Chair Dr. Jacqueline Whitt is Associate Professor of Strategy at the US Army War College's resident education program; her professional focus extends to teaching, writing and lecturing on military and American history, international relations, war and strategy, social and cultural issues within the military, leadership, and experiential learning.

Vice Chair Dr. Joel Hillison is Professor of National Security Studies in the Army War College's distance education program.