

# THE NEWSLETTER

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**AUGUST 17, 2007**

## IMPORTANT EVENTS

Saturday, August 18	Residence Halls open (NEW STUDENTS ONLY) New Student Orientation Begins <b>CONVOCATION 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.</b>
Sunday, August 19	Residence Halls open 12:00 noon (RETURNING STUDENTS)
Monday, August 20	<b>University Faculty Meeting, 8:45 a.m., Elisabeth Hall Auditorium</b>
Monday-Tuesday, August 20-21	Academic Advising and Registration New Student Registration Activation of Registration by New and Returning Students
Wednesday, August 22	<b>CLASSES BEGIN</b>
Wednesday, August 29	Last Day to ADD Course for Credit Last day to DROP Course without Financial Penalty Last Day to Change Meal Plan Selection Deadline to apply for December 2007 graduation
Monday, September 3	LABOR DAY (University Holiday--no classes)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONVOCATION** is scheduled for Saturday, August 18, 2007, at 4:00 p.m. in the Edmunds Center. The line of march will form in the lower west corridor at 3:45 p.m. All faculty are asked to march in full academic regalia. The line of march is posted at <http://www.stetson.edu/administration/academicaffairs/media/lineofmarch.pdf>.

From: H. Douglas Lee, Chair, Council of Deans

**THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY WILL MEET MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 2007**, at 8:45 a.m. in Elizabeth Hall Auditorium. The agenda includes a presentation by Richard J. Light, Walter H. Gale Professor of Education and Director of the Harvard Seminar on Assessment. Faculty are asked to arrive at 8:30 a.m. in order to pick up materials prior to the meeting.

University Faculty Meeting dates for 2007-2008 are as follow:

August 20, 2007	(Monday)	Opening Meeting – EH	8:45 a.m.
September 14, 2007	(Friday)	Stetson Room	11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
October 19, 2007	(Friday)	Stetson Room	
November 16, 2007	(Friday)	Stetson Room	11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
NO MEETING SCHEDULED for December			
January 25, 2008	(Friday)	Stetson Room	11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
February 15, 2008	(Friday)	Stetson Room	11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
March 28, 2008	(Friday)	Stetson Room	11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
April 18, 2008	(Friday)	Stetson Room	11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

From: Judy Ward,

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**WELCOME BACK FACULTY.** This is the first edition of The Newsletter for the 2007-2008 academic year. The Newsletter is published the first and third Fridays of each month, and the deadline for entries is 4:00 p.m. on the Wednesday preceding Friday's publication. You may submit articles to Judy Ward via email: [jward@stetson.edu](mailto:jward@stetson.edu), FAX: 7253, or mail: Unit 8358.

From: Judy Ward, Editor

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**MINUTES TO THE APRIL 2, 2007 FACULTY SENATE MEETING** are attached elsewhere to this edition of The Newsletter.

From: Susan Peppers-Bates, 2006-2007 Secretary/Treasurer, Faculty Senate

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**THE 2007-2008 ACADEMIC CALENDAR** is attached elsewhere to this edition of The Newsletter. The calendar, and other pertinent information from the Office of Academic Affairs, is also available online at <http://www.stetson.edu/academicaffairs/>.

From: Judy Ward

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**THE 2007-2008 BULLETIN** will soon be posted online at [www.stetson.edu/bulletin](http://www.stetson.edu/bulletin) and hard copies for faculty and departmental offices may be requested from the Office of Academic Affairs, ext 7010, or [jward@stetson.edu](mailto:jward@stetson.edu).

From: Jane Bradford, Editor

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**2007-2008 TENURE AND/OR PROMOTION INFORMATION.** Tenure and promotion dates for 2007-2008, as approved by the Council of Deans, are attached elsewhere to this edition of The Newsletter and may be viewed at: <http://www.stetson.edu/academicaffairs/ptinformation.php> The University Tenure and Promotion Committee will schedule a time to meet with College, School, and Library departmental committees, and all interested persons as soon as possible.

From: Doug Lee, Chair, Council of Deans

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**PLANNING TO ASSIGN A VIDEO PROJECT TO ANY OF YOUR CLASSES?** Please allow me a few minutes of class time to give your students guidance and a few tips and tricks to make the projects easier and better. Just give me a call at 7193. **INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA IN MIND?** If you're planning to use videos/DVDs/films this semester, please call me at 7193 for advice, assistance, support, and Request Forms.

From: Terry Grieb

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**REPORTS DUE FOR SUMMER GRANTS AND SABBATICALS.** Recipients of 2007 Summer Grants, 2007 Hand Grants, and/or 2006-2007 Sabbaticals are reminded to submit their reports to their Dean and to the Office of Academic Affairs (Unit 8358) by September 14, 2007.

From: Doug Lee, Chair, Council of Deans

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THE STETSON CENTER FOR SCIENCE, NATURE, AND THE SACRED invites you to a viewing of the documentary film *A Deeper God*, produced by Gina Papabeis, of Florida State University, on Thursday, August 23, 2007 in the Media Services, room 25 located in the duPont Library at 7:00 p.m. A discussion period will follow the viewing.

The film thoughtfully examines questions about the relationship between science and religion through interviews with scientists and people of faith.

If you have any questions regarding this event please contact Dr. Donald Musser, [dmusser@stetson.edu](mailto:dmusser@stetson.edu). Cultural credit is available.

From: Don Musser

**WANTED** a few good men and women who are seeking a fun time socializing with their colleagues in a bowling alley atmosphere. Yes, the bowling season begins the second Monday in September and runs through April with appropriate holiday breaks. You do not have to be a world class bowler as this is a handicap league, neither do you have to worry about committing yourself to every Monday evening. In this league you have the option of going to the bowling alley and pre-bowling if you cannot make a particular Monday. Join as a team of four or sign up as an individual. The nine dollar fee pays for the bowling, shoes, and cash prizes at the end of the season. The Stetson Bowling League has been in existence for as many years as I can remember - and I am very old. If interested, please contact me by email ([maggieg@cfl.rr.com](mailto:maggieg@cfl.rr.com)) or call me at 736-3824.

From: Maggie Dobson, coordinator

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**THE STETSON CENTER FOR SCIENCE, NATURE, AND THE SACRED**, a program of the university Values Council and the Metanexus Institute, invites you to participate in five book feasts during the 2007-2008 academic year.

Students, faculty, staff, and community participants will meet to discuss a close reading of a science/religion classic, Ian Barbour's *When Science Meets Religion: Enemies, Strangers, or Partners?* (Harper/SanFrancisco, 2000) Barbour is professor emeritus of physics and religion at Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota, and a preeminent figure in the field.

If you choose to participate, you will receive a free copy of the book and be invited to the book feasts. Feasts will be held in the Fall semester from 4:30 to 6:15 on September 5 in the Stetson Room, October 17, and October 30 (location will be announced at a later time for Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>). Additional feasts will be held in February and April 2008 (specific dates to be announced).

The reading and discussion of the Barbour volume will cover the following five areas:

1. Sep. 5. Four views of science and religion: conflict, independence, dialogue, and integration.
2. Oct. 17. Evolution and Continuing Creation (in the light of the four views noted immediately above).
3. Oct. 30. Genetics, Neuroscience, and Human Nature (in light of the four views).
4. Feb. 2008. Astronomy, Creation, Quantum Physics (in light of the four views).
5. Apr. 2008. God and Nature (in light of the four views).

The voice of the author himself will give you a sense of his focus: "Science and religion are often seen as enemies locked in mortal combat. Some people in both camps are aggressively continuing the warfare, particularly on the topic of evolution. But conflict can be avoided if science and religion are strangers occupying separate domains at a safe distance from each other. Science asks about causal relations between events, it is said, while religion asks about the meaning and purpose of our lives. The two kinds of inquiry offer complementary perspectives on the world, separate and independent from each other and not in conflict. However, many people today are seeking a more constructive relationship. They hold that science raises questions it cannot itself answer. Why is there a universe at all? Why does it have the kind of order it has? Is it the product of intelligent design? Many participants in the dialogue are aware of the limitations of their field and do not claim to have all the answers. They hold that we can learn from each other. Some theologians are reformulating traditional ideas of God and human nature, taking the findings of science into account while trying to be faithful to the central message of their religious heritage." (From the Preface, pp. xi-xii)

Participants must register with Lisa Guenther at Ext. 8930 or [lguenth@stetson.edu](mailto:lguenth@stetson.edu), by Friday, August 24, 2007 and pick up a free book by the end of the day for the first session. (A limited number of free copies are available. If you have the book or purchase it, you are welcome to register for the feast as well.) By receiving a free book, participants promise to read it in advance and attend the book feast. We realize that you might be unable to attend all five book feasts. We request that you try to attend as many as possible. This event qualifies for student cultural credit, and refreshments will be provided. For additional information, contact Dr. Donald Musser at [dmusser@stetson.edu](mailto:dmusser@stetson.edu).

From: Don Musser



## Schedule of Events 2007-2008

August 23, 2007

Room 25 Media Services in the DuPont-Ball Library, 7:00 p.m.

**Documentary Film, *A Deeper God***, and discussion of views of scientists and people of faith on evolution and creationism. Filmed at Florida State University.

September 5, 2007

Stetson Room, 4:30-6:15 p.m.

**Book Feast on Ian Barbour's *When Science Meets Religion***

Pages xi-38

September 11, 2007

Stetson Room, 7:00 p.m.

Richard Cizik

Vice-President for Governmental Affairs of the National Association of Evangelicals

**Lecture: "For God's Sake: Caring for Creation"**

October 17, 2007

Allen Hall Auditorium, 4:30-6:15 p.m.

**Book Feast on Ian Barbour's *When Science Meets Religion***

Pages 90-118

October 22, 2007

Stetson Room, 7:00 p.m.

John Haught

Distinguished Research Professor

Department of Theology

Georgetown University

**Lecture: "Evolution and Faith: What Is at Stake?"**

October 30, 2007

4:30-6:15 p.m.

**Book Feast on Ian Barbour's *When Science Meets Religion***

Pages 119-150

November 5, 2007

Stetson Room, 7:00 p.m.

Peter Bowler

Professor of the History of Science at Queen's University, Belfast, Ireland

**Lecture: "Monkey Trials and Gorilla Sermons: Varieties of Christian Reactions to Darwinsim"**

January 23, 2008

Lynn Business Center-Rinker Auditorium (tentative location), 7:00 p.m.

Pangratios Papacosta

Science and Mathematics Department

Columbia College, Chicago

**Lecture: "The Human Behind the Genius: The Other Side of Einstein"**

February 2008

4:30-6:15 p.m.

**Book Feast on Ian Barbour's *When Science Meets Religion***

Pages 39-89

March 26, 2008

Sands Theater, DeLand, Florida, 7:00 p.m.

Claudia Stevens, Performance Artist

Associate Professor of Music

College of William and Mary

**Play: "Blue Lias, or the Fish Lizard's Whore"**

April 2008

4:30-6:15 p.m.

**Book Feast on Ian Barbour's *When Science Meets Religion***

Pages 150-180

April 2008

Stetson Room, 7:00 p.m.

**Michael Ruse, Lecturer**

Lucyle T. Werkmeister Professor of Philosophy

Director of the Program in the History and Philosophy of Science

Florida State University

From: Don Musser

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## FACULTY AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following information has been received from the college/schools/departments:

**Dr. Megan O'Neill**, Associate Professor of English, was quoted in Jim Haug's article "The Force is still with us. 30 years later, 'Star Wars' fans celebrate films" that was published in the May 24, 2007 issue of the Daytona Beach News-Journal.

From: Grady Ballenger

**Dr. Eric Kurlander**, Associate Professor of History, was quoted in the article "US Wartime Treatment of Germans May Get New Look" that was published June 15, 2007, in DW-WORLD.DE (<http://www.dw-world.de/dw/article/0,2144,2609305,00.html>). Kurlander is currently on sabbatical as a research fellow at the University of Cologne in Germany.

From: Eric Kurlander

**Dr. Jamil Khader**, Associate Professor of English, has had his article, "After Tantara/ After Auschwitz: Gender, Trauma, and the (Un)Writing of the Nakbah in the Documentary Film, *Paradise Lost*," accepted for publication in *The Journal of Postcolonial Writing* (formerly *World Literature Written in English*), which is indexed in the American Humanities Index and the MLA International Bibliography, among many others. The article will be published in mid 2008.

A version of this article was published in Arabic in *Mada Akhar (An Other Horizon): A Literary and Cultural Journal* [vol. 3 (Spring 2007): pp. 71-99], which is published by Mada al-Carmel: Arab Center for Applied Social Research, Haifa, Israel. Dr. Khader would like to thank Mr. Yazan Al-Qaissi, the former Arabic instructor, for his help in translating the article into Arabic.

Dr. Khader has had his book review, "Autobiographical Memory, Marginality, and the Socio-psychology of Diaspora," a review of *Diaspora, Memory, and Identity: A Search for Home*, ed. Vijay Agnew (Toronto, Buffalo, and London: University of Toronto Press, 2005), accepted for publication online at H-Nationalism, a member of H-Net Humanities & Social Sciences. The review will appear online by the end of August 2007 at <http://nationalismproject.org/h-nationalism.html>

From: Jamil Khader

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## MISCELLANEOUS

**HELP AROUND THE HOUSE**, LLC home repair services. Licensed & insured. Contact Don Roske 985-6556, [droske@earthlink.net](mailto:droske@earthlink.net).

From: Linda Roske

**Faculty Senate Meeting, April 2, 2007**  
**Regular Meeting, Chair Michael McFarland Presiding**

**Attending:** Stuart Michelson (Business), Michael Branton (University at large), Phil Dalton (A&S), Andy Dehnart (Lecturers & Adjuncts), Manuel DeMurga (Music), Jennifer Foo (Business), Anthony Hose (Music), Richard Kindred (A&S Social Sciences), Shawnrece Miller (A & S at large), Carolyn Nicholson (Business), Susan Peppers-Bates (Humanities), Bob Perkins (Emeritus), Daniel Plante (A&S Natural Sciences), Kandy Queen-Sutherland (University at large), Rusty Witek (A&S at large)

I. Senator Michelson moved to approve March minutes; Senator Nicholson seconded: all said “Aye.”

II. Post-Retirement Benefits

As a follow up to the faculty meeting & round table discussion, senators discussed issues about what about a defined contribution would be and how to fund it (logistically and equitably). Discussion ensued. Some suggestions included: dumping the whole plan and raising our salaries, looking at a retiree Medicare supplemental plans, getting rid of the defined contribution plan for new faculty, or a graded reduction.

II. Non-costly benefits to enhance faculty morale

The chair solicited ideas to suggest non-costly faculty benefits to the administration. Ideas included: competitive course reduction for research purposes; reserved parking for the McEniry professor; the return of free coffee at the kiosk; underwriting meals more; deferring one class a year to the summer, for those who teach abroad; an emerging scholars program with a salary bump; reconsidering the rationale for giving a raise for promotion but not for tenure (when they are uncoupled); receptions for those publishing a book; card or gift for adoption/birth of a child; an award for morale booster of the year; and credit for senior research work. Chair McFarland asked senators to send suggestions to the faculty welfare committee (chair Stuart Michelson)

III. Course Credit Initiative

More meetings will be coming with the three schools, open to all. Senators asked about the time table for a decision and who would be allowed to vote. In any event, if adopted, the plan would take a few years to implement.

IV. Committee Reports

A. University Athletic Committee report by Phil Dalton. If an athlete can't come to class, students have complained, the professor will double up credit for the next assignment. However, there is another available option---to give the test to Jan Usher administer. Since athletes know ahead of time when they will be absent during the season, the onus is on them to arrange ahead. We must have a uniform policy (deans make the rules); but faculty should keep in mind the goal of working with students.

B. Special Elections

Next time the senate will vote on the replacements for the outgoing music and arts & sciences representatives to the Tenure, Grievance and Academic Freedom committee by ballot.

Manuel de Murga moved to adjourn; Rusty Witek seconded: all said “Aye.”  
Respectfully submitted by Susan Peppers-Bates, Faculty Senate Secretary

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR - 2007-2008

### Fall Term 2007

*(70 class days—42 MWF and 28 TTH)*

Wednesday, August 15	International Students Arrive (Residence Halls open for International Students ONLY)
Thursday-Friday, August 16-17	International Student Orientation at Center for International Education, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 18	Residence Halls open (NEW STUDENTS ONLY)
	New Student Orientation Begins
	<b>CONVOCATION 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.</b>
Sunday, August 19	Residence Halls open 12:00 noon (RETURNING STUDENTS)
Monday-Tuesday, August 20-21	Academic Advising and Registration
	New Student Registration; Activation of Registration by New and Returning Students
Wednesday, August 22	<b>CLASSES BEGIN</b>
Wednesday, August 29	Last Day to ADD Course for Credit; Last day to DROP Course without Financial Penalty
	Last Day to Change Meal Plan Selection
	Deadline to apply for December 2007 graduation
Monday, September 3	LABOR DAY (University Holiday--no classes)
Thursday-Friday, October 11-12	FALL BREAK
Friday, October 12	Mid-term grade reports due to Registrar via BannerWeb
Friday, October 19	Last Day to Drop Course without Academic Penalty
Monday-Friday, October 22-26	Academic Advising for Upper-class Students for Spring Semester
Monday-Tuesday, October 29-30	Registration for Upper-class Students for Spring Semester
Monday-Wednesday, November 5-7	Academic Advising for First-year students for Spring Semester
Thursday, November 8	Registration for First-year students for Spring Semester
Wednesday, November 21	No Classes
Thursday-Friday, November 22-23	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY (University Holiday-no classes)
Wednesday, December 5	<b>Classes End</b>
Thursday, December 6	Reading Day
Friday-Thursday, December 7-13	<b>FINAL EXAMINATIONS</b>
Thursday, December 13	Final Grades for graduating students due to Registrar via BannerWeb by 9:00 a.m.
Friday, December 14	<b>Graduate Commencement 7:00 p.m.</b>
Saturday, December 15	<b>Undergraduate Commencement 9:00 a.m.</b>
	Residence Halls close 3:00 p.m. for ALL STUDENTS
Thursday, December 20	All Grades Due to Registrar by 9:00 a.m.

### Spring Term, 2008

*(70 class days-41 MWF and 29 TTH)*

Sunday, January 13	Residence Halls open at noon for all students
Monday, January 14	New Student Registration
Tuesday, January 15	Activation of Registration by New and Returning Students
	<b>CLASSES BEGIN</b>
Monday, January 21	Martin Luther King Day (University Holiday—no classes)
Tuesday, January 22	Last day to Add Course for Credit
	Last day to Drop Course without Financial Penalty
	Deadline to apply for May 2008 graduation
	Last Day to Change Meal Plan Selection
Friday, February 29	Mid-term grade reports due to Registrar via BannerWeb
	Residence Halls close 6:00 p.m.
Monday-Friday, March 3-7	<b>SPRING HOLIDAYS</b>
Sunday, March 9	Residence Halls open 12:00 noon
Monday, March 10	Classes resume
Wednesday, March 12	Last Day to Drop Course Without Academic Penalty
Monday-Friday, March 17-20	Academic Advising for Summer Session and Fall Semester
Friday, March 21	Good Friday (University Holiday)
Tuesday-Thursday, March 25-27	Pre-Registration for Summer Session and Fall Semester
Wednesday, April 30	<b>Classes End</b>
Thursday, May 1	Reading Day and Thursday Evening Course Final Exams
Friday -Wednesday, May 2-7	<b>FINAL EXAMINATIONS</b>
Wednesday, May 7	Residence Halls close 6:00 p.m. (except for those students participating in Commencement)
Thursday, May 8	Final Grades for graduating students due to Registrar via BannerWeb by 9:00 a.m.
Friday, May 9	<b>Baccalaureate 7:00 p.m.</b>
Saturday, May 10	<b>Commencement – 9:00 a.m.</b>
	School of Business Administration Graduate and Undergraduate Students
	School of Music Undergraduate Students
	<b>Commencement – 2:00 p.m.</b>
	College of Arts & Science Undergraduate and Graduate Students
	Residence Halls close 6:00 p.m.
Monday, May 19	Grades for All students Due to Registrar via BannerWeb by 9:00 a.m.

## Summer Session, 2008

### **Session 1**

Sunday, May 11	Residence Halls open 12:00 noon
Monday, May 12	Evening classes begin for Sessions 1
Tuesday, May 13	<b>Day classes begin for Session 1</b>
	Activation of Registration Deadline
Wednesday, May 14	Last Day to Add Course for Credit
Friday, May 16	Last Day to Drop Course without Financial Penalty for courses in progress
Monday, May 26	Memorial Day (no classes)
Thursday, May 22	Last Day to Drop Course Without Academic Penalty
Friday, June 6	<b>Final Exams for Session 1</b>
Friday, June 13	Final Grades for Session 1 due to registrar

### **Session 2**

Monday, June 9	<b>Classes begin for Session 2</b>
Tuesday, June 10	Last Day to Add Course for Credit
Thursday, June 12	Last Day to Drop Course without Financial Penalty for courses in progress
Thursday, June 19	Last Day to Drop Course Without Academic Penalty
Wednesday, July 2	<b>Final Exams for Session 2</b>
Friday, July 4	INDEPENDENCE DAY (University Holiday)
Thursday, July 10	Session 2 Final Grades Due

### **Session 3**

Monday, May 12	<b>Evening classes begin for Session 3</b>
Tuesday, May 13	<b>Day classes begin Session 3</b>
Wednesday, May 14	Last Day to Add Course for Credit
Friday, May 16	Last Day to Drop Course without Financial Penalty for courses in progress
Thursday, May 22	Last Day to Drop Course Without Academic Penalty
Monday, May 26	Memorial Day (no classes)
Wednesday-Thursday, July 2-3	<b>Final Exams for Session 3</b>
Friday, July 4	INDEPENDENCE DAY (University Holiday)
Thursday, July 10	All Grades Due to Registrar via BannerWeb by 9:00 a.m.
TBA	Summer Graduation Date

# 2007-2008 Promotion/Tenure Calendar

## College of Arts & Sciences, Library, School of Business Administration, and School of Music

TBA	University Academic Promotion and Tenure Committee meets with College, School, Library, & Departmental committees, and all interested persons
Oct. 1	Candidates submit P/T portfolios to their Department Chair (A&S and Business) or to the Music Associate Dean, or to the appropriate supervising Librarian
Oct. 22	Department faculty submit P/T evaluation letters to their Department Chair (A&S and Business) or to the Music Associate Dean
Oct. 29	P/T portfolios and departmental/supervising librarian recommendations due to the Dean or Library Director
Nov. 2	P/T portfolios forwarded to College/School/Library Committee
Nov. 30	College/School/Library P/T Committee forwards recommendations to Dean/Library Director
Jan. 15	Dean/Library Director forwards his/her recommendations, along with College/School/Library Committee recommendations, and P/T portfolios to the Office of Academic Affairs for review by the University P/T Committee
Feb. 22	University P/T Committee forwards its recommendations to President
Feb. 29	University Committee forwards its review of the process to the Council of Deans
Mar. 14	President Informs Candidates of Decisions
April	Deans and P/T committees review the process