

Woodsmall resigns from BORG

By Jeni Welch
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Business students returned last week from Spring Break with new faculty teaching their classes.

On Friday, March 1, Steve Woodsmall resigned from Brevard College.

“I really enjoyed my time with the students,” Woodsmall said. “I made some long-lasting relationships with many of the students that I had in my classes.”

Woodsmall was teaching five different courses and had independent studies with students. Classes included: Business in a Global Context (ORG 110), Principles of Management (ORG 203), Business Colloquium (ORG 209), Leadership Theory and Practice (ORG 280) and Not-for-Profit Management (ORG 355).

BC senior Brock Tuttle had three classes with Woodsmall including ORG 209, ORG 280 and ORG 355.

“Woodsmall leaving completely changes the classes because he has a certain teaching style where group discussion is encouraged entailing either real world problems or chapter material,” Tuttle said. “Now that he is gone, all three of

these classes consist of different professors with their own unique styles, so it might be difficult for both the professor and student to adjust halfway through the semester.”

While it is not typical for professors to resign in the middle of a semester, it does happen.

Other professors volunteered to pick up the classes. Myranda Nash took over ORG 110 and ORG 203, Cameron Austin is now teaching ORG 209 and President David and Lynne Joyce are teaching ORG 280 together.

“It might be beneficial to have the perspectives of many professors rather than just one,” said Tuttle. “Mr. and Mrs. Joyce are teaching the Leadership class and they bring a unique style to the table because of their professions and relationship.”

The ORG 355 class was recently in the news for the new Cat Café that is opening in Brevard. Brevard lawyer, Erica Erikson runs Pisgah Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) and was working with Woodsmall and the ORG class. She has taken over the management class.

“The school has taken pains to make sure the students are not negatively affected for the remainder of the semester,” said Scott Sheffield,

the Dean of Faculty at BC.

All the classes and independent studies have been picked up and all the students are still on track to graduate on time and receive credit for the classes.

The news of Woodsmall leaving the college was also surprising to former students.

“Brevard College BORG department has been through a lot of changes since I graduated in May 2018 as many teachers left or retired, but Dr. Steve Woodsmall leaving is going to be a big change for the college,” said BC Alum and BORG major Florian Peyssonneaux. “He always dressed in some John Daly-like golf pants, and his business or leadership classes were full of anecdotes about his time in the Air Force. I’m sorry to hear that he left BC because he was a good professor who was always enthusiastic about teaching and helping students.”

The college is looking to hire one new Business and Organizational Leadership (BORG) professor. Other BORG professors, Cameron Austin and Brad Bilsky, have also picked up classes and Professor Allison Turner will be returning in the Fall.

BCDPC Pride Fest on Saturday

By Zach Dickerson
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On Saturday, March 23, the Brevard College Diversity Pride Club will be hosting a Pride Festival at Dunham Hall starting at 4 p.m. The event is being sponsored by the Brevard College Fine Arts Club and it is free and open to the public.

The event will have multiple booths consisting of clubs at the college, community organizations such as the Rainbow Alliance and a booth where people can register to vote. There will also be

live music provided by the Fine Arts Clubs as well as free food including hamburgers, veggie burgers and hotdogs.

During the course of the event there will also be guest speakers who will address topics of their choice that pertain to the event. Inside of Dunham Hall will be an LGBT+ History Walk which will focus on figures throughout history that are or have been involved in the LGBT+ community.

Finally, at 8 p.m., following a panel about how to handle discrimination and hate of any kind, there will be a fantasy themed drag show that will take place in Ingram Auditorium inside of Dunham Hall. The show will feature four professional drag performers as well as two Brevard College students, Dal Davis and Caroline Vargas.

Sponsored by Diversity Pride Club & Fine Arts Club

BC Pride Fest

Saturday, March 23, 2019
4pm-7:45pm
In Dunham Hall & Ingram Auditorium

- Live Music
- Outdoor Games & Booths
- Complementary Food
- LGBT+ History Walk
- Panel Discussion 7:45pm-8pm
- Drag-on Show 8pm-9:30pm

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