Dear students of WCAS:

Greetings.

As you are aware that WCAS is moving forward in new directions. We have been reviewing and analyzing academic and student development in the past year, with assistance from different departments of Boston College. In order to pursue our strategic goals and provide better service and support to each of you, we have been afforded the opportunity to add three advisors to join WCAS, they are Brendan Rapple, Kwasi Sarkodie-Mensah and Andrea DeFusco.

**Kwasi Sarkodie Mensh, Ph. D**

Kwasi Sarkodie-Mensah is Manager, Instructional Services at Boston College Libraries and an Adjunct faculty member of the James A Wood’s College of Advancing Studies. He has traveled extensively with Boston College students on service trips to Belize, Jamaica, and the Dominican Republic. For the last eight years he has taken a group of Boston College students, faculty and staff to his home country Ghana to teach children aged 9-15 computer literacy skills. The Ejisu Model School in Ghana boasts of a computer center with computers and other forms of technology donated through the efforts of many people from the Boston College Community. Sarkodie-Mensah is the author of over two dozen articles and about a hundred book and video reviews. His speaking engagements have included topics on library services for international students, adult students, and the physically challenged. He has edited three books dealing with various issues in libraries. He is the recipient of the Boston College Community Award and the Rev. John R Trzaska SJ Award for support, guidance and commitment to BC students. He is very active in the Catholic community in the Archdiocese of Boston and serves on the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council. Sarkodie-Mensah is listed in many biographical sources including Who’s Who in America, Who's Who Among African-Americans, Directory of American Scholars, Who's Who in the East, the Writer’s Directory, and Contemporary Authors.

Sarkodie-Mensah came to the United States in 1982 after obtaining his BA degree from the University of Ghana in 1979 and teaching at the Origbo Community High School in Nigeria from 1980 to 1982. He obtained his Master’s Degree in Library and Information Science from Clarion University of PA in 1983. In 1988, he earned his PhD in the same field at the University of Illinois Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Urbana –Champaign, the top ranked program in library and information science.

**Andrea DeFusco**

Outside of Boston College, Dr. DeFusco has published and edited a number of books, mostly about authors from the American Modern period. She served as the Assistant Dean and Director
of the Writing Program at the American College of History and Legal Studies in New Hampshire.

She first came to Boston College in 1990 as a graduate student in the English Department. After graduation, she started teaching undergraduates and serving as an academic advisor in the College of Arts and Sciences.

She served seven years in the College of Arts and Sciences as the Assistant Dean, and two years there as Acting Interim Dean of Freshmen. During that time, she also served as the director of the English program in the Office of AHANA Student Program's "Options Through Education" program. She has been a faculty member of the Cornerstone Advising Program at Boston College since 2002. She began teaching in the Woods College of Advancing Studies in 2000, and she loves WCAS's mission, staff and students.

Through their skills, they will advise you in various aspects, including registration, course work, instructor expertise, and program of studies, or any issue that may concern your academic development.

As advising is so important for your successful academic program, I would like you to make appointment for advising as soon as possible. You can come to make appointment with our advisors at WCAS or call 617-552-3900. This will help us to assist you in a better way as you move forward to your academic completion.

Thank you very much for your attention.

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