

# JERI O. CABOT

## Interim Executive Vice President for Student Affairs



A native of Southern California, Jeri Cabot has devoted more than 20 years of her professional life to the development of college students. As the interim executive vice president for student affairs, she is charged with planning and implementing development services and programs for more than 10,000 students. While the dean of students, she has overseen the evolution of the College's honor system; initiated co-curricular civic engagement efforts; launched a gender violence awareness network; and implemented

processes to help students balance out-of-the-classroom concerns with their academic goals.

Cabot frequently presents at professional meetings, sharing her research and practice. Recently, she presented papers at the Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education and the Southern Association for College Student Affairs. She has a variety of research interests, and, most recently, her work has been in the areas of understanding the practical implications of federal directives regarding sexual misconduct and drugs and alcohol on college campuses and the evolution of administration in student affairs. Cabot enjoys teaching and recently taught legal and ethical issues in higher education administration and introduction to student development services. She also is committed to continuing education and went back to the seminar room to hone her skills in alternative dispute resolution techniques.

Her career path has been distinct when compared to other student affairs administrators. Cabot earned her Ph.D. in political science at Duke University. Her areas of specialty were the U.S. policy-making process; mass media and politics; Congress and the presidency. Adapting social science research and teaching skills to the realms of student affairs practice has been easy and exciting, according to Cabot. As she moved up from student media coordinator to the dean of students, Cabot found that integrating various theories and practices became even more stimulating. Cabot is a living example of the value of a liberal arts and sciences education.

Service on campus and to the greater community is a significant part of Cabot's professional life. She regularly speaks on political campaigns and media coverage to community groups and with media outlets. She is a member of the board for Region III of the Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education and its Steering Committee on Associate/Assistant Vice Presidents for Student Affairs.

## EDUCATION

**1986:** Ph.D. in Political Science, Duke University  
**1981:** M.A. in Political Science, Duke University  
**1977:** B.A. in Political Science, University of California, San Diego

## CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

**2012-Present:** Associate Vice President for Students Affairs and Dean of Students, College of Charleston  
**1999-2012:** Dean of Students, College of Charleston  
**2002-2004:** Interim Senior Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, College of Charleston  
**1997-2001:** Director, Women's Studies Program, College of Charleston  
**1997-1999:** Director of Student Judicial Affairs, College of Charleston  
**1994-1996:** Special Assistant to the Senior Vice President for Student Affairs, College of Charleston  
**1991-1994:** Assistant Director of Student Life and Student Media Coordinator, College of Charleston  
**1987-1991:** Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, College of Charleston and The Citadel  
**1983-1986:** Assistant Professor, Department of Telecommunications, Ohio University

## HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

**2013:** Selection for U.S.-U.K. Exchange, Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education and Association of Managers in Student Services in Higher Education  
**2012, 2013:** George Haborak Award for Professional Development, College of Charleston  
**2006:** Selection for James E. Scott Academy for Leadership and Executive Effectiveness  
**2001, 2002:** Tribute to Women and Industry Award, Charleston YWCA