

TO: The Faculty Senate

FROM: Patricia Harrington, Ed.D.
Acting Provost

DATE: April 4, 2016

SUBJECT: Provost's Report for April 8, 2016

I. FACULTY SEARCHES:

We have currently filled six positions and interviews continue.

Julie Nastasi	Assistant Professor	Occupational Therapy
John Ruddy	Assistant Professor	Economics/Finance
Ashley Regan	Faculty Specialist	Accounting
Andrew Venezia	Assistant Professor	Exercise Science & Sport
Ahmed Gomaa	Associate Professor	OIM
Vincent Rocco	Faculty Specialist	OIM

II. ASSESSMENT:

Updates for April include the successful completion of the Monitoring Report, which was submitted to Middle States on March 31. A copy of the report can be accessed on the “my.scranton” portal under the “News” tab. On behalf of the OEA team, I want to extend my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the members of the faculty and staff who provided assessment evidence over the past 18 months. A special thanks to members of the faculty and staff who serve on the Assessment Advisory Committee (AAC) and faculty at large who contributed ideas and editing in response to drafts. The report was prepared by Ms. Kate Yerkes in close collaboration with Dr. Mary Jane DiMattio and Dr. Cyrus Olsen with the support of Richard Walsh, Julie Brackeva-Phillips, and Lorraine Mancuso.

The annual report process in CAS and PCPS will include a separate assessment report and new electronic portal for submission of reports. OEA presented the new electronic portal at the CAS and PCPS Dean’s Conferences. Prof. Nick Truncale and Elizabeth Chalk accompanied students to a Teagle workshop on conducting peer focus groups for assessment, and OEA announced spring faculty grant recipients.

III. FACULTY DEVELOPMENT:

Provost Enhancement Awards

The winners of the Provost Enhancement Awards were announced at the Faculty Appreciation Day dinner on April 1st. Please join me in congratulating the winners:

Excellence in Integrating Diversity in Learning

Rebecca S. Dalgin, Ph.D.

Meghan A. Rich, Ph.D.

Excellence in Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

Robert C Giambatista, Ph.D.

Excellence in Scholarly Publication

Brian Carpenter, Ph.D.

Excellence in Advancing Global Learning

Ioannis N. Kallianiotis, Ph.D.

Jamie H. Trnka, Ph.D.

Excellence in Advancing Interdisciplinary Study

Joseph E. Kraus, Ph.D.

Excellence for University Service and Leadership

Harry R. Dammer, Ph.D.

Vanessa A. Silla, Ed.D.

**Excellence in Adapting Classic Principles of Jesuit Pedagogy into the Curriculum:
The Magis Award**

Daniel P. Haggerty, Ph.D.

Summer Grants

- Dr. Scott Breloff *Quantifying Multi-segmented Spine Motion During Various Methods of Lifting*
- Dr. John Deak *Numerical Simulations of Heat Flow in Nano-Structured Materials*
- Dr. Jason Graham *Mathematical Modeling of Ant Foraging Behavior*
- Dr. Abhijit Roy *Dwarkanath Tagore as a Pioneering Entrepreneur of India and his Use of the Integrated Marketing Approach in Partnering with the British East India Company and other Enterprises*
- Dr. Janice Voltzow *A Tale of Two Snails: Commensalism or “friends with benefits”?*
- Dr. Hank Willenbrink *Catalan Publics, Catalan Theatricality: Salas Alternativas and Contemporary Barcelona*

Clavius Grants

- Dr. Jessica Nolan
Dr. Meghan Rich *Race, Class and the Criminal Justice System*

Dr. Michael Jenkins
Dr. Adam Pratt

- Dr. Timothy Foley *Bench to Bedside: Advances in Cancer Research and Treatment*

IV. INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS and SERVICES

The University of Scranton's Risk Assessment Group determined that student-related projects to El Salvador, Honduras and Haiti, would be suspended in summer 2016 and fall 2016. The Group has been in contact with a number of other US Jesuit Universities and has been monitoring various reports on these countries, including our insurance contractor's risk assessment notices and those from the US Department of State notices (OSAC). The decision is based on the high level of violence in these countries and the University's concern for the safety of faculty, staff and students. Faculty who were hoping to continue their projects will have an opportunity to request a meeting with the Group to discuss the matter further. Please be aware that there is movement to identify alternate sites for student-faculty courses and service projects.

V. RANKINGS

Forbes ranked The University of Scranton among "America's Best Value Colleges," based on analysis by The Center for College Affordability and Productivity. *Forbes* ranked Scranton No. 166 in its 2016 publication that includes just 300 U.S. colleges and universities, or about 10 percent, that "provide students with the most value for the dollar."

VI. FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS:

Dr. Trussler has notified me that three seniors have just heard they have won Fulbrights for next year. The recipients are:

- Veronica Sinotte, a double major in Biology and Philosophy, and in the SJLA and Honors programs, has won a Fulbright to Denmark, where she will pursue research in Biology at the University of Copenhagen.
- Ivan Simpson-Kent, a double major in Neuroscience and Philosophy, and also both SJLA and Honors, has won a Fulbright to Germany, where he will conduct research at the University of Regensburg.
- Olivia Gillespie, who is an English major, has won a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Brazil.

Two more current students still are listed as National Semi-Finalists and are awaiting decisions from the host countries.

VII. SUSTAINABILITY

The University of Scranton's Sustainability Committee is working hard at planning and implementing numerous events in celebration of Earth Week 2016. For more information on the events visit <http://www.scranton.edu/sustainability/earth-week.shtml>.

VIII. CURRICULUM APPROVALS:

New Program
Information Technology Program

Date Posted
12/1/15

<u>Program Change</u>	
EXSC Major	12/17/15
Mathematics, BS	1/21/16
Mathematics, BA	1/21/16
Applied Mathematics	1/21/16
Exercise Science Clinical Track	1/21/16
Exercise Science Clinical Track	2/10/16
Exercise Science Pre-Professional Track	2/10/16
Exercise Science Applied Kinesiology Track	2/15/16

<u>New Course</u>	
COUN 581: Advanced Group Supervision for Licensure	12/17/15
IT 112: Intro to Computing & Information Technology	12/1/15
IT 210: System Administration	12/1/15
IT 241: Fundamentals of Information Management	12/1/15
IT 244: Integrative Programming	12/1/15
IT 310: System Integration and Architecture	12/1/15
IT 358: Information Assurance and Security	12/1/15
IT 384: Special Topics	12/1/15
ECUI 540: Differentiation & Specially Designed Instruction for Students with Disabilities	2/10/16

<u>Course Change</u>	
PHED 112, 113, 150 to EXSC	12/17/15
EXSC 350: Nutrition through the Life Cycle	12/17/15
PHED 160, 161, 202, 205, 208	12/17/15
IT 120/CMPS 202: Web Development	12/1/15
IT 354/CMPS 311: Computer Networks and Security	12/1/15
IT 356/CMPS 356: Web Programming	12/1/15
IT 481: Information Technology Internship	12/1/15
IT 490/MIT 490: Information Technology Project	12/1/15
NURS 504: Anatomy for Nurse Anesthesia	2/10/16
EFND 511: Educational Tests & Measurement	2/10/16
EADM 546: Practicum in Supervision	2/10/16

<u>Course Deletion</u>	
NURS 503: Basic Principles of Nurse Admin. Anesthesia	1/21/16
NURS 506: Advanced Principles of Nurse Admin. Anesthesia I	1/21/16
NURS 508: Advanced Principles of Nurse Admin. Anesthesia II	1/21/16
NURS 509: Advanced Principles of Nurse Admin. Anesthesia III	1/21/16
NURS 512: Physics of Nurse Admin. Anesthesia	1/21/16
NURS 515: Chemistry of Nurse Admin. Anesthesia	1/21/16
NURS 519: Pharmacology of Nurse Admin. Anesthesia III	1/21/16
NURS 522: Physiology and Health of Nurse Admin. Anesthesia I	1/21/16
NURS 523: Physiology and Health of Nurse Admin. Anesthesia II	1/21/16
NURS 524: Physiology and Health of Nurse Admin. Anesthesia III	1/21/16

NURS 558: Nurse Anesthesia Clinical Practicum III	1/21/16
NURS 566: Nurse Anesthesia Clinical Practicum IV	1/21/16
NURS 576: Nurse Anesthesia Clinical Practicum V	1/21/16
NURS 578: Nurse Anesthesia Clinical Practicum VI	1/21/16

IX. THE COLLEGES:

College of Arts and Sciences

April 20th is the date for this year’s Kane competition themed “Mythbusters”, will engage high school physics students from 15 high schools in NEPA in a variety of physics and engineering related events.

Panuska College of Professional Studies

The Leahy Community Health and Family Center will receive a \$35,000 grant from the CVS Health Foundation. The money will be used to set up a chronic disease management and wellness initiative, which will work to manage, reduce or eliminate risk factors of patients who suffer from diabetes, obesity and hypertension through healthy lifestyle changes and the use of affordable medication.

April 7th is Biomechanics Day, a nation-wide event demonstrating biomechanics in its many forms to high school students and teachers. Dr. Breloff has a group of 15 student coming to campus on that day to participate in the program. The goal is to increase awareness and appreciation of biomechanics among the high school community throughout the US.

On April 24th the Inaugural Maria Gervasio Cura Personalis Lecture will be held. The speaker will be Danielle Butin, MPH, OTL, Founder and Executive Director of the Afya Foundation, a medical supply recovery organization based in NY.

Kania School of Management

AACSB International (The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) has extended accreditation for the undergraduate and master’s programs for five more years through 2021. Less than five percent of business colleges worldwide - 755 schools of business in 51 countries – hold AACSB accreditation. We are among just 26 AACSB International accredited business schools in Pennsylvania.

Library

The third annual Jay Nathan, Ph.D. Visiting Scholar Lecture Series will be held on April 26th and will discuss “Thailand: Traditions. Modernization.” Panelists are: Jay Nathan, Ph.D., The Honorable Pornpong Kanittanon, the Royal Thai Consul General; Korbsiri Iamsuri, director of the Thailand Board of Investment, Napadol Thongmee, consul at the Thai Trade Center; and Srimala Waraphaskul, director of Tourism Authority of Thailand.