

TO: Faculty Senate Report

FROM: Harold W. Baillie, Ph.D.
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

DATE: February 5, 2013

RE: Provost's Report for February 8, 2013

I. SPRING CONVOCATION:

At the Spring Convocation last week Fr. Quinn shared a few proposals aimed at advancing the vision of the University.

- Shared Governance – proposes that faculty, staff and administrative leaders convene to discuss how to advance the notion of “shared governance” on campus.
- Strategic Financial Planning – senior administrative leaders are currently working to identifying a process that will allow us to navigate through the financial challenges we continue to face and put us in the best position for ongoing success.
- New Academic Programs – Fr. encouraged faculty leaders to continue as the vanguard to identify new academic programs including on-line programs. Focus on the delivery of a current, compelling and competitive curriculum.
- A Second Look at TCMC – Fr. continues to believe that some affiliation with TCMC is in the University's future best interest.
- Improved Athletic Facilities -- senior university leaders continue to plan how the University might finance and construct a state-of-the-art athletic campus in Southside Scranton. This will allow us to become a Division III school that will attract a robust stream of academically gifted students who want to play intercollegiate sports.

II. FACULTY SEARCHES:

We are conducting sixteen faculty searches; as of this date five have been successfully concluded.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE SEARCHES:

Gary R. Olsen, Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations began his duties on February 4, 2013. For the past twenty years, Gary has served as Associate Vice President for Alumni Relations and Executive Director of the Alumni Association at Villanova University.

IV. RANK AND TENURE:

The Board of Rank and Tenure held formal meetings on January 11, 12, and 18 to review the applications of seventeen candidates. The President has received the Board's recommendations, as well as mine. His decisions will be presented to the candidates as soon as they are available.

V. FULBRIGHT NOMINATIONS:

This year Dr. Susan Trussler and her Fulbright Committee nominated ten students. We have just been notified that seven students are National Finalists. This year there were over 9,700 applicants for the approximately 1,000 awards nationwide. Our finalists are:

Name	Application Field	Country	Major(s)
Brian Entler	Biology	Australia	Neuroscience; Biology
Mark Grambo	Teaching ESL	S. Korea	International Business
Elena Habersky	Teaching ESL	Jordan	Intl. Studies; Philosophy
Shannon Habertzettl	Teaching ESL	Malaysia	School Counseling (MS)
Rebecca Schmaeling	Teaching ESL	Spain	Political Science
Joseph Seemiller	Biology	Germany	Neuroscience
Dana Trembley	Economics	Canada	Economics
Jan Wessel	Business	Hungary	International Business

These candidates' applications have now been forwarded to the individual countries, where the final decisions are made over the next three months.

VI. FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS:

During 2011-2012, we nominated three students for the Goldwater Scholarship, two for the Marshall Scholarship and one student each for the following scholarships: Harry S. Truman Scholarship, Rhodes Scholarship, Gates Cambridge Scholarship, Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI) Scholarship, NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship, and the National Sigma Tau Delta Scholarship. One student was named a Goldwater Scholar (one of 282 nationally). The student nominated for a CHCI Scholarship was successfully named a CHCI-United Health Foundation Scholar Intern. The student nominated for the National Sigma Tau Delta Scholarship was awarded a Junior Scholarship and Essay Award.

In 2012-2013 we nominated one student for the Goldwater Scholarship and three students for the Harry S. Truman Scholarship. We anticipate nominating one student for the NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship in spring and one for the National Health Services Corps Scholarship.

VII. MEDICAL SCHOOL ACCEPTANCES:

In 2012, 55 applicants received a total of 128 acceptances to doctoral health professions schools. One student is participating in a fully-funded M.D./Ph.D. program; six others reported scholarship awards.

As of this date in 2013, 30 students have received a total of 44 acceptances to 19 different medical schools; 11 students have received 20 acceptances to 9 different dental schools; 1 student has been accepted to optometry school. Since numerous students are still interviewing at doctoral-level health profession schools, the number of acceptances will continue to increase throughout the spring and summer.

VIII. FACULTY DEVELOPMENT:

Grant Proposals/Clavius Funding:

Calls for proposals for Clavius Funding and Summer Grant Application were sent out to faculty on January 28th.

Provost Faculty Enhancement Awards:

Request for nominations for the Provost Faculty Enhancement Awards were sent out to the Deans and Department Chairs on February 4th. The Provost Advisory Group will assist the Provost and Associate Provost in making the final determination on the awards recipients. The awards will be presented at the Faculty Appreciation Day dinner scheduled for April 5th from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in The DeNaples Center's Ballroom

IX. THE COLLEGES:

The Panuska College of Professional Studies

- Our Occupational Therapy Master's program has received accreditation
- The TEAC Accreditation Panel is scheduled to consider our Advanced Teaching Program, Education Leadership Program and Teacher Education Program on Friday, February 8,

College of Arts and Sciences

- The Keynote Speaker for The Third Annual Conference on Aging will be Dr. Linda Fried, an internationally recognized epidemiologist and geriatrician and Dean of the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University. The Conference will be held on our campus on April 11, 2013.
- Gretchen J. Van Dyke, Ph.D., has been elected to a four-year term on the national board of the Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts. We have been a member of the Lilly Fellows Program since 1997 and will host the program's annual Workshop for Academic Administrators and National Network Conference in 2013.
- Maureen Carroll, Ph.D., has been awarded the 2013 James P. Crawford Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching by the EPaDel section of the Mathematical Association of America.
- Two physics majors, senior Christopher Culver and sophomore Rachel Salmon, presented their research at the 221st Meeting of the American Astronomical Society (AAS) in Long Beach, CA. Rachel won a Chambliss Astronomy Achievement Student Award Honorable Mention at this meeting. Out of more than 400 students attending the Conference, there were just 5 award winners and 6 receiving honorable mention.

College of Graduate and Continuing Education

- *U.S. News & World Report's* 2013 Best Online Education Programs ranked our online graduate program in education 6th in the nation, and our online MBA program ranked 39th. The list ranked online programs offered by nonprofit and for-profit institutions in the United States in categories of business, education, engineering, nursing, and computer information technology. Our online graduate program in education has the highest rank of the 12 Pennsylvania colleges, and five Jesuit universities, listed by *U.S. News*. Our online graduate program in business was among just seven colleges in Pennsylvania and five Jesuit universities listed.

X. CURRICULUM APPROVALS:**Course Change**

NURS 493: Nursing Research to
NURS 590: Rural Health Course

Date Posted

3/9/12
10/24/12

New Minor

Studio Art Minor

7/30/12

XI. OFFICE OF EQUITY AND DIVERSITY**XII. OFFICE OF RESEARCH SERVICES and SPONSORED PROGRAMS:****XIII. CIVIC ENGAGEMENT:****Education for Justice**

In just the last few years, the reality of increasing economic inequality has come to dominate much of our nation's political discourse. Changes to the tax code that have disproportionately benefited upper-income earners, Wall Street privilege, the housing crisis, and the global economic slowdown have thrown many Americans' economic situations into doubt. This has been particularly true for our nation's most vulnerable. As a consequence, the Education for Justice Board selected **Inequality** as this year's annual theme. In support of this theme the Education for Justice Program has planned and sponsored a variety of events and activities during the Spring 2013 semester:

Event	Sponsors	Event Type	Date
Eric Deggans talk	Paul Porter and Kim Pavlick	Speaker	February 21, 2013 (LSC 133)
International Women's Day Film Festival	Justine Johnson and the Jane Kopas Women's Center	Film Festival	March 8, 2012
Jerry Beyer talk on Catholic social teaching, inequality and higher education (rescheduled from Fall 2012)	Education for Justice	Speaker	March 12, 2013 (BRN 228)
Maria Kefalas talk on social stratification and inequality (tentative)	Meghan Rich, Sociology	Speaker	April 2013
Annual theme Teach-In	Education for Justice	Student teach-in	April 2013
Art and Essay Competition	Education for Justice	Student competition	April 2013
Keynote Speaker	Education for Justice	Speaker	April 2013

XIV. STUDY ABROAD AND INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS:

XV. SENIOR FELLOW, INTERNATIONAL, CULTURAL, AND CIVIC PROJECTS:

The Schemel Forum

After a very successful fall semester we are about to launch the spring semester. The community is enthusiastic about the offerings, our membership is growing and we are exploring the possibilities of an outreach program in the summer.

Luncheon Seminars

- *Democracy as a Political Project: Reflections from Palermo and Colombia*, Aldo Civico, Ph.D.
- *Embers of War: Why Were We in Vietnam?*, Fredrik Logevall
- *War and Peace: Current Issues*, Daniel Serwer
- *Mid-Century Modern: Designs for Living*, Gregory K. Hunt, FAIA
- *The Rise and Fall of Women in Democratic Revolution*, Jill Dougherty
- *Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD): The Emotional Toll of Violence in Military and Civilian Populations*, Laszlo Gyulai, Ph.D.

Evening Courses

- *The Vietnam War: As Seen in Film and Literature*, David Wenzel and Daniel Fraustino, Ph.D.
- *Religious Pluralism: Problem or Promise? The Case of Christianity and Islam*, Christian Krokus, Ph.D.
- *Georgia O'Keeffe*, Josephine Dunn, Ph.D.

Collaborative Efforts

- Lecture and exhibition - "From Hand to Heart to Mind," Sally Wiener Grotta
- The Medium is the Message: McLuhan's Prophecy Revisited – Public Affairs and the Media in the 21st Century

Complete details of the upcoming courses, luncheons and bus trip can be found at <http://matrix.scranton.edu/academics/wml/schemel/index.shtml>.

University for a Day

We invite all to save the date Saturday, September 21, 2013—for University for a Day.

XVI. PERFORMANCE MUSIC

In addition to the regular weekly ensembles rehearsal schedule, student coachings, and dress rehearsals of student ensembles, as well as operational/administrative tasks of the department, the following special programs and performances were offered by the Performance Music department from January 1, 2013 through February 23, 2013:

- *JANUARY: In Concert* featuring The Scranton Brass Orchestra under the direction of Cheryl Boga & Mark Gould, with guest soloist Brian McWhorter, trumpet.
- *JANUARY: PMEA District 9 Band read-thru* brought in 120 accomplished high school musicians from the five county area for group preparation and coaching in preparation for their participation in the 2013 District 9 band festival.

- *FEBRUARY: In Concert* featuring saxophonist Ted Nash (Grammy nominated composer/arranger and saxophonist with the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra) with pianist Frank Kimbrough.
- *FEBRUARY: 5th Annual Gene Yevich Memorial Concert* featuring The University of Scranton Jazz Band with guest soloists Mark Gould and Joseph Boga (trumpets), and solo and duo performances by Mike Yevich (trumpet), Joseph Boga (trumpet), Magdalyn Boga (voice), and Cheryl Yevich Boga (clarinet), accompanied by Timothy Eugene Smith (piano and organ). *Sponsored by Dave and Janet Wenzel.*