

TO: Faculty Senate Report

FROM: Jeff Gingerich
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RE: Provost's Report for May

TRANSITION

It is with profound gratitude to so many of you that I write this final report to the Faculty Senate. I officially end my position as Provost at The University of Scranton on June 1. While I am tremendously excited for the next steps of my journey at St. Bonaventure University, I have truly come to love the University of Scranton community and mission. I am grateful to the all of our faculty for their support and their steadfast commitment to our students, especially through the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Provost's Office will be in good hands as Michelle Gonzalez Maldonado, Ph.D., currently Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, has agreed to serve as Interim Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs for the 2022-2023 academic year, while the University conducts a national search for the permanent position. I look forward to working with Michelle over the next month to ensure a smooth transition. She brings much experience and mission background to this position.

I am also pleased with the new Dean team that will be in place next year:

- Victoria Castellanos, Ph.D., will serve as the Dean of the Panuska College of Professional Studies. Dr. Castellanos has been the Interim Dean of PCPS since January of this year, having served as Associate Dean of PCPS since joining our community in 2012.
- Mark Higgins, Ph.D., will join us as Dean of the Kania School of Management on July 1. Dr. Higgins comes to us from our sister Jesuit school, St. Louis University, where he serves as a professor of accounting and, from 2015 to 2019, was Edward Jones Dean and Professor of Accounting at their Richard A. Chaifetz School of Business.
- George Aulisio has accepted the position of Dean of the Weinberg Memorial Library. Dean Aulisio has been serving as the interim dean since July 1, 2021 and assumed the permanent position in early March 2022. He was previously the Chair of our Library Faculty Department and Full Professor at the University.
- David Dzurec, Ph.D., will serve as interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, while Dr. Maldonado serves as interim Provost. Dr. Dzurec is currently the Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences and Full Professor of History.

DISCONTINUATION OF THE LAWS DEPARTMENT

The Latin American Studies and Women's and Gender Studies department will be discontinued beginning in the 2022-2023 academic year. This decision was initiated by the request of the faculty within the department.

A thoughtful process between faculty and administration led to this decision. The CAS Dean (Michelle Maldonado) and directors of Women's and Gender Studies, Asian Studies and Latin American Studies met to discuss the idea of merging the three programs under only one director. All directors shared with Dean Maldonado their concerns on this possibility. Latin American Studies (LAS) members during their full faculty meeting began a conversation on removing LAS from LA/W/S. All members agreed on the importance of continuing to have a director that represents the interest of their program, works on increasing numbers, and makes stronger concentrations throughout the University. Women's and Gender Studies (WGS) members had a similar conversation and came to the same conclusions. WGS and LAS directors then met again with Dean Maldonado and agreed to discontinue LAWS as a department and the positions of chair.

The two programs of LAS and WGS will continue to exist unchanged: specifically, LAS and WGS will maintain their major and concentration, and next year will keep two separate directors, office spaces, a secretary, and funds to continue operating and for programming needs. In a parallel model to Asian Studies, the two Programs will report directly to the CAS Dean.

CHAIRPERSON ELECTION

Elections were held for chairpersons in eight departments in April. The results of the elections are listed below.

- Dr. Joan Wasilewski Chemistry
- Dr. Roy Domenico History
- Dr. Thomas Shimkus Mathematics
- Dr. Daniel Haggerty Philosophy
- Dr. Steven Szydlowski Health Administration/Human Resources
- Dr. Renee Hakim Physical Therapy
- Dr. Nabil Tamimi Operations & Analytics
- Prof. Michelle Pratt-McHugh Library

FACULTY SEARCHES

We have successfully completed eleven faculty searches.

Uzoamaka Anyiwo	Associate Professor	History
Pedro Monteiro	Assistant Professor	Economics/Finance
Anthony Betancourt	Assistant Professor	Psychology
Mojib Saei	Assistant Professor	Physics & Engineering
Joseph Brague	Assistant Professor	Biology
Laura Chavez	Assistant Professor	Nursing

Riddhiman Medhi	Assistant Professor	Chemistry
Laura Zagacki	Assistant Professor	Occupational Therapy
Kathleen Cummings	Assistant Professor	Library
Wesam AlRamadeen	Instructor	Operations & Analytics
Elizabeth Vento	Visiting Assistant Professor	Psychology

FULBRIGHT UPDATE

Dr. Michael Bermudez, Assistant Professor in Occupational Therapy has been selected as a Fulbright U.S. Scholar for 2022-2023. He will be working at the Faculty of Special Needs and Rehabilitation at Kyambogo University in Kampala, Uganda.

Two of our five national finalists have been notified that they were awarded a Fulbright Scholarship and one student has been named an alternate.

- Crysta O’Connell, a double major in International Studies and Hispanic Studies with a minor in French has been selected to receive an English Teaching Assistantship to Andorra.
- Peter Amicucci majoring in Operations Management with minors in Mathematics and Business Analytics will pursue an MS in Economics and Business with a concentration in Supply Management at the Lappeenranta University of Technology in Finland.
- Sarah White a Presidential Scholar, and a double major in Biology and Philosophy with a minor in Mathematics is an alternate for a grant to conduct research in Denmark and Greenland.

PLANNING & INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

University-wide efforts to implement our 2020 Strategic Plan continue. In addition to work underway through divisional, college, and departmental planning, a key focal area for the plan’s first full year was the successful development of the new Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Plan. Over the summer and fall, we will be engaged in the development of a new campus-wide plan for Sustainability, to expand and enhance the institutional scope of that aspect of our plan, and the “care of our common home.”

In early April, academic department chairs and administrative department, college, and divisional leaders received instructions for their participation in this year’s Annual Planning and Reporting cycle. It is through this process that departments outline their own goals, report progress on that work, identify longer-term planning opportunities and challenges, document and describe learning and institutional assessment outcomes and their application, and submit resource requests. In each of these fields, alignment with the University’s strategic plan and/or institutional learning outcomes is described. New this year is a focused reflection space for those submitting reports to describe how they are supporting, or plan to support, the new DEI plan.

Information submitted in Annual Reports is used to inform Strategic Plan progress reporting. The strategic plan [web site](#) includes a section describing plan progress to date, noting significant

achievements, work underway, and selected performance indicators. As described by the Strategic Plan Implementation Roadmap, the report will be updated on a regular basis to capture our progression of work at key intervals; the next update will include reflection on data from student and other surveys underway this academic year, including the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE). View this report at <https://www.scranton.edu/strategic-plan/2020/progress-report.shtml>.

Over the spring months, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) has been undertaking a review of its *Requirements for Affiliation and Standards for Accreditation*. We anticipate updated Requirements and Standards to be in place this summer. These new documents will guide out institutional accreditation efforts for the years ahead, including our preparations for the University's next MSCHE review, scheduled for 2027-2028.

OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND SPONSORED PROGRAMS

The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs held its 22nd Annual Celebration of Student Scholars on April 27, 2022. This event celebrated both undergraduate and graduate student scholarship. Student scholarly work includes thesis research, research conducted as part of the Faculty/Student Research Program or resulting from a President's Fellowship for Summer Research, and research or other scholarly projects carried out as independent study.

ACCREDITATION UPDATE

The online Master of Science in Health Informatics has received accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management.

- The Master of Science Education Program in Speech-Language Pathology is an applicant for candidacy by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Anticipated to enroll its first class in the fall of 2023.
- The Nursing Department had site visits from their two accrediting bodies, Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs in March and April 2022. Decisions regarding reaccreditation are expected in fall 2022.

OFFICE OF GLOBAL EDUCATION

Study Abroad

Summer Programs

- Twelve students have applied to go on the faculty-led Criminal Justice course to South Korea in August.
- Eleven students plan to study abroad on partner summer programs in May, June, or July
 - 4 to Italy
 - 4 to Denmark
 - 1 to France
 - 1 to Spain
 - 1 to Ireland

Fall Study Abroad Programs

- Nine students plan to study abroad for the Fall 2022 semester
 - 3 to Italy 2 to Ireland
 - 2 to the United Kingdom
 - 1 to New Zealand
 - 1 to Spain

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

Provost Enhancement Awards

Seven Provost Enhancement Awards were presented at the Faculty Appreciation Day Celebration held on April 8th.

Margarete Zalon, Ph.D.	Excellence in University Service and Leadership
Ismail Onat, Ph. D.	Excellence in Scholarly Publication
Jessica Nolan, Ph.D.	Excellence in Integrating Diversity in Learning
Bonnie Markowski, M.A.	Excellence in Scholarship of Teaching and Learning
Jennifer Kaschak, Ph.D.	Excellence in Advancing Interdisciplinary Study
Darla Germeroth, Ph.D.	Excellence in University Service and Leadership
Matthew Reavy, Ph. D.	Excellence in Adapting Classic Principles of Jesuit Pedagogy into the Curriculum was awarded posthumously

Summer 2022 Grants

The following faculty were awarded Summer Grants for 2022:

Dr. Roxana Curiel	De muxe a muxe: <i>Muxeidad and the Third Gender in Zapotec Culture</i>
Dr. Roy Domenico	Two Worlds: Italo-American Cultural Relations and the Cold War
Dr. Christopher Fremaux	Crusisus's <i>Guide to Living Rationally: A Translation Report</i>
Dr. Madeline Gangnes	<i>Young Folks</i> and Victorian Illustrated Periodicals
Dr. Emily Hopkins	Shared storybook reading as an educational tool in early childhood.
Dr. JoyAnna Hopper	Environmental Conditions & State Environmental Agency Approval
Dr. David Ingber	Effects of Corn Herbivory-Induced Plant Volatiles (HIPVs) on Fall Armyworm (<i>Spodoptera frugiperda</i> Smith) Oviposition choice
Professor Michael Knies	The Impact of Linotype Technology on the British Typefounding Industry, 1896-1910. "The lino is killing us."
Dr. Declan Mulhall	NMR Detector with electronic frequency control.
Dr. Paul Sampson	Ventilating the Empire: Environmental Machines in Britain 1700-1850.
Dr. Matthew Shea	<i>God and Happiness.</i>

Clavius Grants

The following faculty were awarded a Clavius Grants for 2022-2023:

Teresa Grettano, Ph.D.

Charles Pinches Ph.D.

Exploring Core Curricula in the 21st Century

Maria Squire, Ph.D.

Donna Witek, M.L.S.

President's Fellowship for Summer Research

This year the Office of Research Services and Sponsored Programs has awarded ten President's Fellowship for Summer Research Awards. These grants provide students with the opportunity to engage in research projects with a full-time faculty mentor during a ten-week period.

Dr. Arthur Catino/Chutikarn Chantavoralak

Tetraarylmethanes via the Truce-Smiles Rearrangement: Examination of Mechanism and Subsequent Reaction Chemistry

Dr. Timothy Foley/James Hornickle

Protein Disulfide Bonds: Proposed Sensors and/or Perpetrators of Metabolic Stress in the Aging Brain

Dr. Nathaniel Frissell/Muhammad Shaaf Sarwar

H1 Measurements to estimate mass of the Milky Way and Pulsar Radio Astronomy

Dr. Christopher Hauser/Claire Sunday

Freedom, Habit, and Character: A More Nuanced Account of Our Free Will

Dr. Emily Hopkins/Emma Nessel

Transmission of gender stereotypes from parent to child through play

Dr. Cara Krieg/Julia Turnak

Freedom, Habit, and Character: A More Nuanced Account of Our Free Will

Dr. Matthew Meyer/Emily Amershek

Constitutional Interpretation: A Philosophical Perspective

Dr. Anne Royer/Molly Neeson

Investigating life history, population dynamics, and correlated trait variation in Mimulus ringens (Allegheny Monkey Flower)

Dr. Marc Seid/Piper Yerkes

The Effects of Melatonin on Locomotion and Circadian Rhythm in Camponotus floridanus

Dr. Robert Waldeck/Sarah Liskowicz

Contributions of taurine and GABA to aggression in zebrafish, Danio rerio

CURRICULUM APPROVAL

New Program

Cybercrime Investigation and Cybersecurity, MS

Date Posted

2/18/22

Program Change

Human Resource Studies

2/7/22

Theology

1/25/22

Political Science Minor

2/21/22

Women's and Gender Studies Major - LIT 225

2/24/22

Women's and Gender Studies Concentration - LIT 225

2/24/22

Honors Program

2/14/22

MATH 142: Discrete Structures

3/4/22

Women's and Gender Studies Major - MGT 474

2/24/22

Women's and Gender Studies Concentration - MGT 474

2/24/22

Honors Program

2/14/22

New Courses

LIT 103X: Rebels and Misfits in Italian & French Culture

2/24/22

CIC 512: Research in Cybercrime and Cybersecurity

3/28/22

CIC 542: GSI for CIC

3/28/22

CIC 511: Cybersecurity Essentials

3/16/22

CIC 561: Advanced Pentesting

3/16/22

CIC 521: Cyber Threat Intelligence

3/16/22

CIC 501: Cyber Criminology and Criminal Justice

2/18/22

CIC 541: Data Analysis in CIC

2/18/22

CIC 551: Digital Forensics Investigation

2/18/22

CIC 571: Mobile Forensics

2/18/22

CIC 590: Cybercrime Investigation and Cybercrime Capstone

2/18/22

CIC 531: Advanced Cyber Defense

3/16/22

PT 721L: Rehabilitation I for PT Lab

2/23/22

PT 722L: Rehabilitation II for PT Lab

2/23/22

PT 741L: Cardiovascular and Pulmonary PT Lab

2/23/22

CMPS 415: Senior Colloquia Completion

3/14/22

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3/14/22

WOMN/INTD 220: Feminism & Gender: Theory & Methods

2/24/22

Course Changes

PSYC/NEUR 350: Cognitive Neuroscience

3/7/22

COUN 577: Evidence-Based Practice

2/17/22

COUN 578: Organizational Systems in CMHC

2/17/22

COUN 591: Practicum: Rehabilitation Counseling

2/17/22

COUN 592: Practicum: School Counseling

2/17/22

NURS 250: Physical Health

2/17/22

NURS 250L: Physical Health

2/17/22

OT 480: Level 1, Clinical III: Physical Rehabilitation

2/17/22

OT 380: Level 1, Clinical I: Pediatrics	2/17/22
OT 381: Level 1, Clinical II: Psychosocial Rehab	2/17/22
OT 424: Functional Visual Performance	2/17/22
PT 722: Rehabilitation II for PT	2/23/22
PT 741: Cardiovascular and Pulmonary PT	2/23/22
HINF 550: Population Health For Health Informatics	2/17/22
HINF 570: Health Info Policy and Governance	2/17/22
HPRO 340: Advocacy & Health Communication	2/18/22
EDUC 250: Early Development & Intervention	2/18/22
PSYC 225: Abnormal Psychology	3/4/33

Course Deletion

NURS 241: Perspective of Professional Nursing	2/17/22
NURS 242: Health, Illness and Assessment	2/17/22
NURS 474: Nursing Leadership and Management	2/17/22
OT 140: Introduction to Occupational Therapy	3/15/22
OT 141: Occupational Therapy Theoretical Concepts	3/15/22
OT 240: Activity Analysis I	3/15/22
OT 241: Activity Analysis II	3/15/22
OT 256: Human Anatomy for Occupational Therapy	3/15/22
OT 256L: Human Anatomy for OT Lab	3/15/22
OT 275: Clinical Kinesiology	3/15/22
OT 275L: Clinical Kinesiology Lab	3/15/22
OT 346: Pathological Conditions I	3/15/22
OT 347: Pathological Conditions II	3/15/22
OT 356: Functional Neuroanatomy	3/15/22
OT 356L: Functional Neuroanatomy Lab	3/15/22
OT 360: Practice I Pediatrics	3/15/22
OT 360L: Practice I Pediatrics Lab	3/15/22
OT 361: Practice II Psychosocial	3/15/22
OT 361L: Practice II Psychosocial Lab	3/15/22
OT 393: Research Methods in OT	3/15/22

UPDATES

- On Friday, May 13th the Library will be hosting a special event to kick off the Library's 30th Anniversary celebration. Dean Emeritus Charles E. Kratz, Jr. will be honored at the ceremony.
- CAS will launch a revision of Academic Advising in the College this summer to provide students a more consistent and cohesive advising experience. An emphasis on academic vocation and experiential learning. A capstone experience will be developed for all CAS students that focuses on Jesuit and Catholic education and Ignatian values.

- The CAS Dean's Office is collaborating with the Council of Alumni Lawyers and Development to create an internship program and database similar to the shadowing program developed in collaboration with our Medical Alumni.
- The CAS dean convened a working group to assess Global Studies within the College. Recommendations of the International Studies Major: review curriculum; addition of study abroad or internship requirement; move the program from History to bridge both History and International Studies (similar to the Neuroscience model which bridges Psychology and Biology)
- The Library's University Archives will host an exhibit of faculty scholarship in May and the second exhibit of books published by alumni in June and July.