

TO: Faculty Senate Report

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RE: Provost's Report for February 2012

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**I. FACULTY SEARCHES:**

We are conducting twelve faculty searches; as of this date three have been successfully concluded.

**II. ADMINISTRATIVE SEARCHES:**

The search for the Director of International Student and Scholar Services will likely be concluded by the end of February, and results will be announced then.

**III. RANK AND TENURE:**

The Board of Rank and Tenure held formal meetings on January 13, 14, 20 and 21 to review the applications of twenty-one 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.

**IV. 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:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Application Field</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Major(s)</u>
Ashley Arroyo	Teaching ESL	Spain	Sec. Ed.; Spanish; ESL (MS)
Allison Carey	Interdisciplinary	Taiwan	International Lang. – Business
Ellen (Maggie) Coyne	Teaching ESL	S. Korea	Elem.Ed./Early Childhood
Anna DiColli ('10)	Public Health	Spain	Neuroscience
Kathleen Lavelle	Teaching ESL	Spain	Biochemistry C.M.B.; Hispanic Studies
Nicole Linko	Business	Estonia	International Business
Ryan Pipan	Teaching ESL	Taiwan	English; Philosophy

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

The University of Scranton is ranked second in the nation among Mater's Institutions in terms of producing Fulbrights (IIE). We were also named a "Top Fulbright Producer" by IIE and the Chronicle of Higher Education in late October.

## V. FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS:

During 2010-2011, we nominated 2 students to the Goldwater Scholarship, two students to the Harry S. Truman Scholarship, 3 students for the NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship, 1 student to the NSEP Boren Scholarship, 1 student to the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, and 1 student to the U.S. Department of State: Critical Language Scholarship Program. One Student was named a Truman Scholar (one of 60 nationally), one was named a Goldwater Scholar (one of 275 nationally), and two were named NCAA Scholars (out of 87 nationally).

In 2011-2012, we nominated two students for the Marshall Scholarship; one was named a Finalist but did not receive the scholarship. We nominated one student for the Rhodes scholarship (not selected for an interview) and one student for the Gates Cambridge Scholarship; the applicant for the Gates was not selected but was offered a fully-paid interview for the Laboratory of Molecular Biology Cambridge Scholarship, the results of which will be known in February. In the fall, we nominated one student for the National Sigma Tau Delta scholarship. We are in the process of nominating three students for the Goldwater Scholarship, and we will nominate one applicant for the NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship. We may nominate one applicant for the Truman Scholarship in 2012.

## VI. MEDICAL SCHOOL ACCEPTANCES:

In 2011, 55 applicants received a total of 106 acceptances to doctoral health professions schools. Three students are participating in fully-funded M.D./Ph.D. programs, two have Navy scholarships to medical school, and another has an Army scholarship.

As of this date in 2012, 23 students have received a total of 44 acceptances to 25 different medical schools; 7 students have received 21 acceptances to 12 different dental schools, 5 students were accepted to 3 separate optometry schools and 1 student was accepted to podiatry school. The number of acceptances will continue to develop throughout the spring and summer.

## VII. FACULTY DEVELOPMENT:

### Grant Proposals:

Calls for proposals for Clavius Funding and Summer Grant Application were sent out to faculty on January 24<sup>th</sup>.

Request for nominations for the Provost Awards for Faculty Enhancement Awards will be sent out to the Deans and Department Chairs on January 27<sup>th</sup>. 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 March 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in The DeNaples Center's Ballroom

## VIII. PROVOST'S TRAVEL:

In January, I attended two conferences: the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U), and the CAO/institutional representatives meeting of the New American Colleges and Universities (NACU). I chair the CAO/institutional representatives group and am an ex-officio member of the President's Committee.

## IX. THE COLLEGES:

### The Panuska College of Professional Studies

#### Upcoming Accreditation Visits for PCPS

- Preparing for CCNE (Nursing) and COA (Anesthesia) accreditation site visits on Feb 29-March 2, 2012.

- Preparing of TEAC Teacher Education Accreditation proposal in March 2012 and visit in September 2012
- Community Counseling and Occupational Therapy is undertaking their self-study
- The Counseling and Human Service program has been re-accredited to 2016
- In March 2012 new equipment will be installed in the Counselor Training Center
- There are a high number of students transferring into the Counseling & Human Services major.

#### **PCPS Positive Student Learning Outcomes**

- The Nursing Licensure Examination pass rate for the class of 2011 was 94.3%
- Kady Luchetti, a senior Community Health Education student, was awarded a SOPHE scholarship to attend the SOPHE Health Advocacy Summit, March 3-5, 2012 in Washington, DC. <http://www.sophe.org/advocacysummit.cfm>
- Thirty-five posters were presented at the National Poster session in fall 2011 with posters on Professional Issues (Student and Faculty Research) from the University's Rehabilitation Counseling, School Counseling, and Community Counseling Programs.

#### **Service-Learning Success Stories from Faculty, Students and Staff from PCPS**

- During Intersession, Dr. Cathy Lovechio, Assistant Professor in Nursing, collaborated with Dr. Harry Dammer, Professor in Sociology/Criminal Justice, in a successful service learning course at the Homeboy Industries run by Father Greg Boyle, S.J. in Los Angeles.
- Maria Marx, a senior Counseling & Human Services student, spent intersession volunteering in the Christian Appalachian Project's (CAP) Child and Family Development Center.

#### **Leahy Community Health and Family Center**

There has been an increase in services with the Peacemakers and Shoplifters Programs.

The University of Success program has a record number of applicants from underserved adolescents for summer 2012.

#### **Professional Development Plan**

With the deletion of the one credit freshman seminar, PCPS has developed a four-year professional development plan to address key issues of professionalism, wellness and nutrition, CPR, recognizing child abuse standards, service learning and community based learning.

#### **College of Arts and Sciences**

- Janice Voltzow of the Department of Biology has received a grant from the National Science Foundation for a project "Advancing the Careers of Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics at Predominantly Undergraduate Institutions through Professional Networks." This project involves collaborations between The University of Scranton, Gonzaga University, John Carroll University, the University of Detroit Mercy, and Loyola University, Maryland.
- Undergraduates in the College of Arts and Sciences have recently had their research accepted for presentation at several national academic conferences, including the American Astronomical Society (Austin, Texas), the American Chemical Society (San Diego, California), and Sigma Tau Delta, the National Honor Society for English (New Orleans).

- The Second Annual Conference on Aging will take place on our campus on April 12. The keynote speaker is Dr. Bruce Ames of the University of California, Berkeley, an internationally recognized researcher on the biology of aging. This year, our faculty members working in aging studies have submitted \$1.5 million in grant applications, an increase of 250% over last year.
- During the January Intersession, the College offered model “transformational education” courses on Christianity in Uganda, on Women and Development in Mexico, and on Crime and Urban Health in Los Angeles. The courses integrated advanced coursework with service in hospitals, schools, and non-governmental organizations serving the poor.

#### **X. CURRICULUM APPROVALS:**

<b>Course Change</b>	<b>Date Posted</b>
Add EC 251: Introduction to Electronics Business	9/22/11
T/RS remove Z designation	9/26/11
SPAN 310: Medical Spanish	11/16/11
PHIL 412J: Arts & Metaphysics	11/21/11
OT 581: Internship I: Psychosocial Rehab	11/21/11
OT 582: Internship II: Physical Rehab	11/21/11
OT 583: Internship III: Specialty	11/21/11
<b>New Course</b>	
T/RS 340: Theologies of Work and Rest	11/15/11
THTR/ENLT 276: American Drama, 1916-1968	11/29/11
WRTG 223: Rhetoric and Public Discourse	11/18/11
PHIL 295: Chinese Phil/Culture in Taiwan	11/18/11

#### **XI. OFFICE OF EQUITY AND DIVERSITY**

The Office of Equity and Diversity (OED) is pleased to announce a collaboration with TCMC to sponsor a bus to the 32nd annual Marion Thompson Wright Lecture Series on Saturday, February 18, at Rutgers University. The theme for this year’s one-day conference is “Taking Good Care: A History of Health and Wellness in the Black Community.”

#### **XII. OFFICE OF RESEARCH SERVICES and SPONSORED PROGRAMS:**

With The Commonwealth Medical College, The University of Scranton is sponsoring its second annual “Aging Conference” scheduled for 12 April 2012 on our campus and coordinated by the ORSP. The introductory presentation, “State of Aging” will be presented by Brian Duke, Secretary on Aging for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Mr. Duke is a University graduate and was the keynote speaker at last year’s conference. This year’s keynote speaker will be Dr. Bruce Ames, Professor Emeritus at the University of California at Berkley, and Senior Scientist at Children’s Hospital Oakland Institute.

#### **XIII. CIVIC ENGAGEMENT:**

##### **Earth Week 2012**

The Sustainability Task Force is finalizing the schedule for Earth Week 2012. Confirmed events are:

- Environmental Art Show, April 16-25, Heritage Room, Weinberg Memorial Library
- Fair Trade Fair, April 20, Dionne Green
- Earth Fair, April 24, 10am-1pm, The DeNaples Center Patio(TDC) (TDC Ballroom in case of rain)
- Bill Brady has accepted an invitation to be the keynote speaker for Earth Week, date, time, and location of his talk to be determined.

### **Education for Justice**

The Education for Justice Theme this year is Finding Justice after 9/11. Dr. Michael Allison, Director of the Education for Justice Program, and the Education for Justice Advisory Committee have scheduled the following events for the Spring 2012 semester.

#### Faculty Panel

- Teresea Grettano (CAS), Rebecca Haggerty (KSOM/CAS), Bill Lambert (PCPS), and Darryl DeMarzio (PCPS) will discuss the impact of 9/11 on their teaching and fields of study.  
Thursday, February 23, 7pm, TDC 401

#### Speaker Series

- *Mark Volk*, retired Army Colonel and University of Scranton alumnus. Thursday, March 22, 7pm, Brennan 509.  
*Brian Turner*, veteran and poet. Tuesday, March 27, 7pm, TDC 401.  
*Karen Greenberg*, Director of the Center on National Security at Fordham University School of Law. Tuesday, April 3, 7pm, Brennan 228.  
*Brenda Berkman*, retired Captain in the NYC Fire Department and first responder at Ground Zero. Wednesday, April 25, 7pm, TDC 401.

#### Film Series

- *9/11* Thursday, February 9
- *The Saint of 9/11* Wednesday, February 15
- *Restrepo* Thursday, April 12
- *Taking the Heat* Tuesday, April 17
- *Arranged* Thursday, May 3

All films will begin at 7pm in Brennan 228 with discussion to follow

#### Student Essay and Art Competition

Entries due on March 23, winners announced on March 30.

#### Education for Justice Teach-In

Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> in various locations in The DeNaples Center.

### **XIV. STUDY ABROAD AND INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS:**

For the 2011-12 academic year, not including summer 2012, 119 undergraduate students participated in study abroad programs. Of these, 17 were abroad during fall semester, 28 in the intersession, 73 in spring and one for the entire academic year (in Egypt). The most popular destinations for study abroad are Ireland (28), Italy (24), Spain and Australia (13 each).

There are currently 151 international students attending the University including 114 full-time, degree-seeking students (97 graduate-level and 17 undergraduate), and 25 visiting exchange students who are studying for either one semester or one year. Twelve students are on the optional practical training (OPT) programs. More than half of the international students are from Saudi Arabia and India.

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

#### ***Rwanda Update***

With the serialization of the handbook, *The New Rwanda: Prosperity and the Public Good*, in *The New Times* (Kigali's English language daily newspaper) and Radio 10's talk show on each weekly

segment, the National Conversation on Prosperity and the Public Good has taken a leap forward. Many distinguished Rwandan leaders have agreed to take part in the weekly radio show, which is affirming with regard to acceptance of the project.

Ms. Myers plans to publish a sequel to *The New Rwanda* handbook which will feature more essays and articles by Rwandans, focus on Rwanda's progress in the past several years with regard to both prosperity and the public good and address some of the challenges the nation faces.

### ***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. 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 22, 2012—for University for a Day. We already have two world class speakers confirmed:

- Professor Akhil Amar, one of the nation's foremost Constitutional scholars, who spoke on the Constitution at last year's University for a Day will grace us with his participation again—which is remarkable given the demand for his services.
- Leoluca Orlando, the former Mayor of Palermo in Sicily, who dared to take on the challenge of getting rid of the Mafia in his beloved city during his term of office. Mayor Orlando, a lawyer by training, consults with cities internationally.

### ***Collaborative Efforts***

With the Weinberg Library: Working with Dean Charles Kratz to organize a blue ribbon speaker series on the occasion of the library's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

With Professor Alan Brumagim of the Kania School: Chairing the lecture series in the Entrepreneurship project that he directs.

With Professor Matthew Meyer: Developing a Freshman Seminar on Citizenship.

## **XVI. PERFORMANCE MUSIC**

In addition to the regular weekly ensemble rehearsal schedule, student coachings, and dress rehearsals of student ensembles, as well as routine operational/administrative tasks, the following special programs and performances were offered by the Performance Music department from November 12, 2011 through January 29, 2012:

- The legendary New York Trumpet Ensemble continues to join us for a yearlong series of performances and educational outreach events, thereby functioning as our "artists-in-residence" for the 2011-12 school year.
- The Symphonic Band's November concert featured music by Ayatay Shabazz, Joseph Turrin, Vaclav Nelhybel, Philip Sparke and Alfred Reed
- New York Trumpet Ensemble member Caleb Hudson offered a solo trumpet recital, preceded by an afternoon masterclass for attendees (including not only university students but also area professional musicians, high school students, and one very talented 4<sup>th</sup> grade trumpeter).

- The University of Scranton Concert Choir joined with The Catholic Choral Society and three other regional choirs (one elementary school, one middle school, and one high school) to perform a concert in celebration of the 10th anniversary of the “Generations Sing!” collaborations at St. Peter’s Cathedral in Scranton.
- 44th Annual Noel Night featured The University of Scranton Singers, String Orchestra, and Chamber Ensembles, with pianist Ron Stabinsky and guest trumpeter Mark Gould (director, NYTE). Father President welcomed the audience, and speakers included Dr. Baillie and Dr. Leonard Gougeon, and seniors members of the choir. Major work for the evening was Bach’s Cantata No. 142, *For Us A Child Is Born*. (An alumni instrumental ensemble made a cameo appearance, joining the singers in performing a gospel arrangement of The Hallelujah Chorus.)
- More than 200 students performed in The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Empty Stocking Fund Benefit Concert. Audience members contributed new toys, piece of children’s clothing, or cash to gain admission and brighten the holidays for children in need in our area. Approximately 650 toys and pieces of clothing, and cash donations in excess of \$700 were given to the United Neighborhood Centers Project Hope Christmas outreach programs. (Project Hope Liaison: Michael McHale, ’84)
- The recently formed Scranton Brass Orchestra performed their second concert to a large and loudly appreciative audience. Christian Jaudes and Joseph Boga were guest soloists, and the ensemble is co-directed by Cheryl Y. Boga and Mark Gould.
- Student musicians from Performance Music provided support music for a variety of special campus events such as Admissions and Development events.