TO: PCPS Dean’s Conference  
FROM: Diane S. Muniz
DATE: March 12, 2012  
SUBJECT: Summary of the February 28, 2012 Meeting


Not Attending: P. Harrington, D. West

The summary of the November 29, 2011 meeting was approved with no corrections.

Dr. Pellegrino opened the meeting with a poem by Mary Oliver, “What I know so far.”

Announcements:

- Dr. Pellegrino thanked all the members of the faculty search committees. Offers have been placed and we are waiting for replies.
- Several departments participated in service trips in the states as well as internationally.
- The PCPS Community Celebration takes place on Tuesday, March 27, 2012. Everyone is invited to come and celebrate the accomplishments of the College. Departmental pictures need to be submitted to Pat Connolly by March 7, 2012. If there are people from outside agencies that you would like to invite to this Celebration, please send the names and addresses to Diane Muniz. Nominations for the Student Service Learning Awards will be taken until March 12, 2012.
- Members were asked to remind the freshmen students of the April 23rd mandatory meeting with Mr. David DeNotoris. This event takes place in the McIlhenny Ballroom of The DeNaples Center beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- September 27th will be the date of the Conference on disABILITY. The theme of this year’s Conference is “Traumatic Brain Injury: A Meeting of the Minds.” Dr. Lori Bruch and Ms. Sandie Lamanna are co-chairs; Dr. Rebecca Dalgan will chair the Town Hall meeting in the evening.
- Occupational Therapy is hosting its Spring Fling on March 31, 2012. They are seeking donations of baskets for a silent auction to take place at this event. All money raised will be donated to the Thomas Jerome House, a nonprofit organization helping those with traumatic brain injury sustained while giving service to our country.
- The Weinberg Memorial Library will celebrate its 20th Anniversary and will partner with the Leahy Clinic at a wine tasting gala on Friday, November 16, 2012. All are invited to attend.
- Mr. Jason Savino, the PCPS Graduate student, has been updating the College’s webpage.

PCPS T.A.P.E.S.T.R.Y.
The Dean introduced the PCPS four-year professional development plan called T.A.P.E.S.T.R.Y. The PCPS Associate Dean will oversee this program. The Committee members present were introduced. Dr. Conte read an introductory statement regarding this program. An excerpt of this statement follows.
To assure that our students develop and cultivate those aspects of professionalism that are vital to their roles as professionals, we have developed a 4-year Professional Development Plan. The plan is called T.A.P.E.S.T.R.Y. and has threads that run through each year and across our disciplines. This shared vision will ensure that our graduates leave prepared not only in theory and clinical practice, but also ready to be men and women who go beyond the norm, go beyond the expectations, and go into the world as men and women for others.

Each year of the plan develops new dimensions of the student and prepares them for a life of professional service. The T.A.P.E.S.T.R.Y. plan involves participation in campus and community events such as service projects and attending lectures from invited speakers on topics pertinent to professional life. Students will also grow in their professional roles through mentoring from faculty in their departments while they make connections across disciplines through their involvement in college events. The T.A.P.E.S.T.R.Y. plan is a series of events, crafted around Jesuit ideals, which help students to internalize the concepts of Theory, Application, Professionalism, Excellence, Social Justice, Teaching, Reflection, and You!

Ms. Sandy Pesavento and Ms. Karim Letwinsky demonstrated the web-based tool they created that will be used as a hub for putting this program into action. This web-based tool will allow departments to customize requirements based on a specific major.

The plan is to begin T.A.P.E.S.T.R.Y. with the incoming freshman class.

**Service Learning Grid for Health Administration majors**

Dr. Terri Freeman Smith distributed the new Service Learning Grid for Health Administration majors. The department made a decision to look at more project based community interactions associated with course content giving students an opportunity to offer professional development services to local agencies, specifically nonprofit organizations. The grid was approved by the members.

Ms. Betsey Moylan, Asst. Library II, distributed information on a new service called ebrary. This service can be accessed from your office and students can access it from their computers.

Betty Rozelle, Asst. Director of Career Services, mentioned that the Office of Career Services is willing to assist with the T.A.P.E.S.T.R.Y. program, specifically in dealing with goal setting, career writing, and mock interviews.

Ms. Dianne Posegate pointed out that with the current loss of the freshman seminar there will no longer be that bonding sense that helps students feel they “belong” to a specific department. She asked that we begin to think about how we can connect freshmen students with departments, so they will have that sense of belonging.

Ms. Andrea Mantione, Director of the Leahy Center, stated that the T.A.P.E.S.T.R.Y. program will offer students the opportunity to work on projects within the Center. Currently, there are several interdisciplinary projects going on this semester.

c: Rev. Kevin P. Quinn, S.J.
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