TO: PCPS Dean’s Conference
FROM: Mrs. Diane S. Muniz
DATE: April 13, 2012
RE: Summary of the March 29, 2012 Meeting

The summary of the February 28, 2012 meeting was approved.

Updates:
Dr. Teresa Conte, Professor Karim Letwinsky and Professor Sandy Pesavento presented the T.A.P.E.S.T.R.Y. program to the PCPS Board of Visitors. Board members were impressed by the idea of the program and by the work that has been done by this group.

The Dean reminded everyone of the upcoming presentation by Mr. David DeNotaris to the PCPS freshmen class. This event takes place on Monday, April 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the McIlhenny Ballroom of The DeNaples Center. Please get the word out to all freshmen. This is a mandatory presentation for freshmen. All are welcome to invite graduate students to attend this function.

PCPS Kick-off to Finals will be held on May 11, 2012 in the lobby of McGurin Hall.

The annual PCPS Summer Retreat will take place on Friday, August 10, 2012 at Chapman Lake.

The T.A.P.E.S.T.R.Y. program will be introduced to PCPS freshmen on September 5, 2012 in the McIlhenny Ballroom of The DeNaples Center.

The 11th Annual Conference on disABILITY takes place on September 27, 2012. The topic of this year’s Conference is Traumatic Brain Injury. Dr. Lori Bruch and Ms. Sandie Lamanna will co-chair this event. If anyone has suggestions for speakers, or if anyone would like to serve on the committee, please contact Lori or Sandie.

The Leahy Community Health & Family Center and the Friends of the Weinberg Memorial Library will host a wine-tasting fundraiser on November 16, 2012. All proceeds will go to the Leahy Center.

Reminders:
Undergraduate catalog copy is due to Ray Schwenk on April 2, 2012.

Please send your information on mandated reporting requirements to Ray Schwenk.
Admissions—International Recruiting:
The staff of the University's Admissions office was asked to speak to the group about international recruiting. Mr. Joseph Roback, Associate Vice President for Admissions & Enrollment, introduced the members of his staff; Ms. Mary Kay Aston, Assistant Vice President for Admissions & Enrollment, Ms. Caitlyn Hollingshead, Director of Graduate & International Admissions, and Mr. Michael Shertz, International Admissions Recruiter. Mr. Roback thanked the PCPS faculty and staff for all the hard work they do on behalf of Admissions.

The presentation included a general overview of international recruitment, the five year goals, the strategies to achieve these goals, and the SWOT analysis.

The Dean asked for clarification about online programs for Saudi Arabian students. It was noted that Saudi students cannot take any online courses nor can they take a class which includes an online component. Ms. Hollingshead stated that it is explicit in the acceptance letter that there is no online component in the degree program the student is enrolled in. The Admissions office does not accept Saudi students into the HRO program.

A question about background clearances and the kinds of assurance we have about persons coming from another country was addressed. It was explained that the visa process is a vigorous one, and it is believed that if there are any “red flags” the person would be denied a visa. However, it was noted that there is no 100% safeguard. It was also noted that due to cultural differences there may be some things which are considered a criminal act in this country but are not in another country.

Dr. Eschbach mentioned that the process for background clearances is becoming difficult when international students begin their clinical experience. Ms. Hollingshead explained that for international students admitted into the education program there is a statement within their acceptance letter stating that upon completion of their program the international student will not be eligible for certification. Dr. Eschbach stated that this statement also needs to appear in the School Counselor acceptance letters. Ms. Hollingshead stated that every international student needs to provide three letters of recommendation, official transcripts, a statement of intention, proof of English and the certificate of finances.

Dr. Pellegrino thanked the Admissions staff for their informative presentation.

c:
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