TO: PCPS Dean’s Conference
FROM: Diane S. Muniz
DATE: November 1, 2011
SUBJECT: Summary of the October 27, 2011 Meeting

Present: Dr. L. Eschbach, Dr. A. Haboubi, Mr. D. Hair, Dr. P. Harrington, Dr. D. Pellegrino, Ms. D. Posegate, Dr. J. Sanko, Mr. R. Schwenk, Dr. G. Wenze, Dr. D. West
Absent: Ms. A. Mantione

Dr. Pellegrino opened the meeting with words by the late Dean Brackley, S.J.

The summary of September 29, 2011 was approved.

Professional Development Program:
On April 23rd, David DeNotaris, Director of the Pennsylvania Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services, will speak to the freshmen class about Professions in Leadership. This presentation will be open to all PCPS students, but it is mandatory for the PCPS freshmen.

The members discussed the Freshman Year (Information & Knowledge) draft of the PCPS Professional Development Program. Recommended revisions are on the attached page.

It was agreed upon that each academic year PCPS will host two mandatory lectures for freshmen—one will occur at the beginning of the Fall semester and will focus on academic service learning and the other lecture will occur in the Spring semester and will focus on professional leadership.

A discussion took place about students joining academic clubs and national organizations. A motion was made and unanimously passed requiring PCPS freshmen to become members of an academic department club. Further discussion took place about upperclassmen joining national organizations. This will be discussed further as the group proceeds to the next three years of the PCPS Professional Development Plan.

Health Policies:
Dr. Patricia Harrington addressed the attachment to the agenda regarding “Health Policies: Impaired Student Nurse” (a document which was taken from the Internet) and the possible need for a similar policy within the department. The Dean asked the Chairs to read and talk about this policy to determine if this is something that PCPS would like to include in the PCPS Professional Development Plan. If any departments currently have a similar policy in place, please e-mail the policy to munizd1@scrranton.edu so the polices can be shared at a future meeting.
Community-based learning
The Dean explained that the University will be moving to community-based learning. She asked the members to check the Santa Clara website to learn more about this initiative.

Other:
The Dean asked the members where PCPS is with the freshman seminar, where Eloquentia Perfecta is going to be developed and where it will be covered. Regarding Freshman Seminar, the Dean noted that PCPS does not have any new Freshman Seminar courses planned for the Fall semester. The Dean asked the Chairs to remind their Faculty Senate representatives to be the voice of PCPS in the Senate’s discussions of Freshman Seminar and Eloquentia Perfecta. It was suggested that the PCPS Faculty Senate representatives be invited to the November meeting and that Dr. Baillie be invited to a future meeting so he can hear our voices on these topics.

This year’s Blessing of the Books is scheduled for December 6, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. in the lobby of McGurrin Hall. It is the Dean’s intention to donate books to the flood victims and especially to the Catholic grade school that lost its entire library. Donation of children’s books can be sent to the PCPS Dean’s Office.

During the spring semester, Dr. Debra Fetherman will serve as acting Chair of the Exercise Science & Sport department. She will be invited to the next meeting.

Dr. John Sanko is being recognized by the PA Physical Therapy Association as the recipient of the Humanitarian Award.

The Counseling & Human Services Department received notification that the Board of the Council for Standards in Human Service Education has approved reaccreditation of the BS degree from October 2011 through October 2016.

Attachment
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    Deans