TO: Faculty Senate
FROM: Harold W. Baillie, PhD.
       Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
DATE: December 11, 2009
RE: Provost’s Report for December 2009

SENATE RESOLUTIONS:
A. Motion 02-09-10: Dismissal of faculty advisors from CAS Advising Center.

   The development of the discussion about events in the CAS advising area has
   increasingly overlapped with discussions about advising and mentoring in the
   APC and the deans group. Further, there remain conflicting accounts of the
   history of the concerns that led to those events. The associate dean of CAS is
   preparing a report in consultation with the professional advisors in CAS.
   Unfortunately, because of the crunch in the dean’s office that comes with the end
   of the semester, that report is not ready in time for today’s Senate meeting. I will
   be happy to bring it to the February meeting. In the meantime, in January the APC
   will receive a report on the student focus groups on advising and mentoring
   prepared by Geri Barber based on discussions conducted this fall. Second, the
   provost’s office will hold discussions with the advising centers in January. Thus,
   by the end of intersession there will be a substantial amount of additional
   information that can guide us through a next stage of the discussion.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:
The Board of Trustees met December 2nd and 3rd. The discussion included the
announcement that the goal of the capital campaign has been met and Fr. Pilarz
would like to raise the goal, with the intention of celebrating the end of an
expanded campaign in the new science building in the fall of 2011. The Board of
Trustees continues their strong support the unified science center and made
needed financial allocations to ensure that we receive the matching funds
available from the government.

The Board committee on Civic Engagement took a tour of the Leahy Center and
was extremely impressed with the variety and quality of the seventeen program
offered by the Center.

Fr. Roche, the new Jesuit community rector, was appointed a member of the
Board. Senators may recall he was our commencement speaker two years ago.
The Educational Excellence committee heard updates on the tactical plans for academics and enrollment management, the curricular proposal before the Faculty Senate, and the speaker policy that had been recently presented to the UGC.

**FACULTY SEARCHES for ’10-’11:**
To date we have filled one faculty position and have offered one additional contract.

**ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATORS SEARCH COMMITTEES**
Search committees have been formed for the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and the Associate Provost for Academic Affairs. The composition of each committee includes representation from the faculty, administration, staff and students, in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Faculty Handbook’s Appendix IV. We expect the work of these two search committees to be completed during spring 2010.

Members of the Associate Provost for Academic Affairs Search Committee are Dr. Debra Pellegrino, Dr. Michael Friedman, Dr. Lori Bruch, Dr. Gerald Biberman, Prof. Kristen Yarmey-Tylutki, Mr. Mark Murphy, Ms. Susan McCrea.

Members of the Search Committee for the CAS Dean are Dean Charles Kratz, Dr. Vincent Carilli, Dr. Janice Voltzow, Dr. Harry Dammer, Fr. Timothy Cadigan, and Ms. Meg Cullen-Brown. I am waiting for the name of a student to serve on the committee from the Student Senate.

**PROVOST OFFICE:**
**Academic Policy Council:**
The APC has approved guidelines for establishing International Agreements. (Appendix 1)

The APC (this is also before the FMC) reviewed an Internship proposal that will allow students taking internships in intersession or summer to take the internship for credit at a reduced rate similar to the discount given students that study abroad. Not only will this make it more affordable for students to take internships for credit it will provide an opportunity for faculty supervision which can be important when looking for position in the job market.

The APC continues to look at our advising system. We expect to have a summary report from the focus groups held in September. I plan to schedule meetings with advisors in January.
OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND SPONSORED PROGRAMS

Publication of the Grants Flyer was resumed after a hiatus of a few years. Copy of the document which is intended to communicate grant-writing activity is available from the ORSP. The *Faculty Scholarly Achievements 2006-07* publication is posted on the ORSP web site. Plans to publish the 2007-08 edition and archive these documents on the Weinberg Memorial Library have been delayed for reasons related to the technical approach required to do this. While the project is being developed, the ORSP will take the 2007-08 information and move it to publication on the ORSP website. Plans call for a posting in early spring semester 2010, and distribution of a limited number of hard copies to academic departments and program heads.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT:

**University Council on Hispanic Outreach**

The Associate Provost for Civic Engagement and Academic Mission has organized a University Council on Hispanic Outreach. The immediate goals of the Council are to:

- Identify all existing University programs that directly or indirectly serve the local Hispanic community and identify opportunities for new and/or combined programs.
- Identify mechanisms for collaboration between the University of Scranton and the Diocese of Scranton that mutually support Hispanic outreach activities.
- Identify partnership opportunities with local organizations that serve the Hispanic community.
- Develop new Hispanic outreach programs in response to community-identified needs.
- Coordinate implementation of Hispanic outreach activities internally and with the Diocese.
- Develop a strategy for recruiting and retaining local and regional Hispanic students and make recommendations to Admissions, Financial Aid, and Student Life.

Faculty members who would like to serve on the Council or stay informed of Council meetings can contact Dr. Steven Jones at joness21@scranton.edu.

**FACULTY HANDBOOK COMMITTEE:**

The Faculty Handbook Committee has approved language affecting 13.2 Childbirth and Pregnancy, Appendix V: Faculty Role in the Search for Tenure-Track Faculty, and Appendix VI: Annual Reappointment and Non-Reappointment of Non-Tenured Tenure Track Faculty Sections B. and C. at their December 7th meeting. Dr. Friedman will bring the language to FAC at their next meeting and it will be voted on by the faculty.
ACADEMIC CALENDARS
The Student, Staff and Faculty Senates are currently reviewing the academic calendars for 2011-2012, 2012-2013, and 2013-2014. Their recommendations will be sent to the UGC for approval.

SABBATICALS:
The following faculty are approved for sabbaticals for:

**Fall 2010**
Sharon Hudacek
Marlene Morgan
Thomas Shimkus
Michael Sulzinski

**AY 2009-10**
Brian Benestad
Brigid Frein
Christie Karpiak
Linda Ledford-Miller
Declan Mulhall
Jerry Muir
Stacey Muir
Len Tischler

**Spring 2011**
Anthony Ferzola
Renee Hakim
Daniel Mahoney
Susan Poulson
Robert Smith

Only tenured faculty may receive a sabbatical.