TO: The Faculty Senate

FROM: Harold W. Baillie, Ph.D.
       Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

DATE: March 12, 2010

SUBJECT: Provost's Report for March 2010

Senate Resolutions:
Motion 13-09-10: "The Faculty Senate recommends the Provost approve the curriculum proposal: "New Program Latin American Studies Major," posted on 11/24/09."
   Approved.

Motion 14-09-10: "The Faculty Senate recommends the Provost approve the curriculum proposal: "Program Deletion Proposal Associate Degree in Political Science," posted on 1/4/10."
   Approved.

Motion 15-09-10: "The Faculty Senate insists that the curricular review process follow the posted procedures."

   I have discussed this with the deans and a tandem review has been reinstituted (with the acknowledgment that various proposals are in different stages of the process and this reinstitution might be uneven for the next month.)

Board of Trustees:
Because of the snow, the Board of Trustees did not have a full meeting schedule. Of the subcommittees, only the facilities committee and the financial strength committees met and did so by means of conference calls. Responding to their related but different responsibilities, both subcommittees recommended moving forward with both phases of the construction and funding of the science building. Financial strength also recommended the approval of the proposed budget for 2010-2011. The full Board met the following day, again by teleconferencing, and approved the budget, moving forward with the science building, and honorary degrees for this year’s commencement.

Since the educational excellence committee did not meet, the FAC/FPC/Faculty Handbook Committee’s proposed Faculty Handbook changes were not considered. Those changes and any additional ones proposed will be presented at the Board meeting in late April. In the meantime, FAC and FPC have agreed to act in the spirit of the changes.
Admissions Update:
As of this week, we had 101 deposits, which compares to 151 last year (and we enrolled 1034), 170 on 2008 (968 enrolled), 171 in 2007 (1030 enrolled), and 112 in 2006 (985 enrolled) as of the same day. Our yield meetings (to persuade admitted students to come) in New Jersey, Long Island, and Westchester over this last weekend were roughly equivalent to last year. We are dramatically increasing our efforts in our secondary markets (certain areas of Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland and Virginia) both for this year and for subsequent years. So far participation has been good. Overall, Mr. Roback is guessing we will have an entering class of 960-980.

Graduate school numbers have gone up across the board, for both on-campus and on-line programs. Of particular note is the on-line MBA now has over two hundred students.

The numbers of applications and admissions do not, of course, tell us what the number of matriculants will be, but we seem to be in good shape again this year.

Faculty Searches:
We have currently filled seven positions, additional offers are out, and interviews continue.

Administrative Searches:

CAS Dean’s Search:
Four candidates were here for on-campus interviews meeting with various groups on campus including faculty. The search committee has made its recommendations to the Provost and President. We would like to have the search completed by the end of March.

Faculty Handbook Committee:
Because of the tight schedule involving interviews with the CAS dean candidates, the Handbook committee did not meet.

Faculty Development:
The Provost Advisory Board met and the winners of the Provost Faculty Enhancement Awards will be announced at the Faculty Appreciation Day Dinner on March 26, 2010. Invitations are out; please let the Provost Office know if you can attend.

Rank and Tenure:
All of the candidates for rank and tenure have met with the Provost and have been informed of the President’s decision. According to The Faculty Handbook there is a 30-day period during which faculty members may appeal the decision to the Board or the President.

Summer Schedule:
The New Faculty Orientation is scheduled for August 19, 2010 in the DeNaples Center.
The Chairpersons’ annual summer retreat is scheduled for August 18, 2010 in the Brennan Hall.

Curriculum Approvals:

New Course/Program Revision:
SOC 490: Capstone Course in Sociology
Addition of Capstone Course to Sociology Major

Program Change:
Classical Studies

New Courses:
GERM 316: Fairytales
PHYS 360: Introductory Astrophysics
PSYC 233: Evolutionary Psychology
PHIL 317: American Philosophy
GERM 317: Traveling Cultures and Traveling Theories
GERM 318: Intro to German Cinema
ENTL 323J: Classics of Western Literature I
LA/WS 395: Women & Development in Latin America
ACC 538: Accounting Communications
PHIL 230 German Philosophy
NSCI 105: Science in the Cinema
ITAL 321: Italian Short Story
ITAL 322: Italian Theatre
GERM 320E/320F: Sex in the City & Modernity in Weimar Germany
GERM 315: Violence in Twentieth Century Germany
ENLT: 423J: Classics of Western Literature II
FREN 333/GERM 333/ITAL 333: French, German, Italian Practicum
MKT 477: Sustainable Marketing
Sustainable Strategic MKT
ACC 465: Accounting Communications

Course Changes:
ITAL 413: Topics in Italian Studies
WOMN 215: Feminism & Social Change
Cross listed with SOC 315
PSYC 493-494: Revision of UG Research Credits
ACC 463: Financial Statement Analysis
Program Changes:
Women’s Studies Concentration
Revision of German Major to German Cultural Stud.
SJLA Program Changes

Course Deletions:
GERO 382-383: Independent Study in Gerontology
GERO 480-481: Internship in Gerontology
COMM 232: Film History
COMM 332: Documentary Film
COMM 427: International Film
COMM 432: Film Theory and Criticism

Advising:
The meeting with advisors has been rescheduled for March 17th.

Education for Justice
The Office of the Provost invites nominations for a tenured faculty member to serve as Coordinator of Education for Justice. Sister Mary Anne Foley, C.N.D., who has held that position since 2007, has assumed the role as Coordinator for the Peace and Justice Studies Program.

Working with the Education for Justice Advisory Board and reporting to the Associate Provost for Civic Engagement and Academic Mission, the Coordinator of Education for Justice will
- provide faculty and staff training and development in justice education.
- assist and support faculty in designing or redesigning courses and incorporating service-learning related to justice; the latter in collaboration with the Office of Community Outreach and the Associate Provost for Civic Engagement and Academic Mission.
- promote scholarship and research on justice.
- act as liaison to the Justice Club and other student efforts.
- assess annually the state of Justice Education at the University.
- pursue funding opportunities for all forms of Justice Education.

The Coordinator of Education for Justice will receive one course release per semester, a work study student or graduate assistant, separate office space, and clerical support.

Nominations should be submitted electronically to Steven Jones at joness21@scranton.edu no later than April 1, 2010. Additional information about the Education for Justice Initiative can be found at http://academic.scranton.edu/organization/edjustice/default.html.