TO: The Faculty Senate
FROM: Patricia Harrington, RN, Ed.D.
Interim Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
DATE: April 7, 2014
SUBJECT: Provost’s Report for April 2014

I. FACULTY SEARCHES:
We have currently filled three positions and interviews continue.

- Danielle Arigo, Ph.D.  Assistant Professor  Psychology
- Qian Wang, A.B.D.  Assistant Professor  Exercise Science & Sport
- Michael Costello, J.D.  Faculty Specialist  Health Administration & Human Resources

II. RANK AND TENURE:
The following is a list of faculty members who have been promoted and/or received tenure effective in the fall of 2014:

**Professor**
- Dr. Joseph Kraus  English

**Associate**
- Dr. Christian Krokus  Theology
- Dr. Will Cohen  Theology
- Dr. Barry Kuhle  Psychology
- Dr. Catherine Lovecchio  Nursing
- Prof. George Aulisio  Library
- Prof. Donna Witek  Library
- Dr. Sean Brennan  History

**Associate/Tenure**
- Dr. Paul Datti  Counseling/HS
- Dr. Maria Oreshkina  Education
- Dr. Sufyan Mohammed  Communication
- Dr. Carol Cote  OT

**Tenure**
- Dr. Jessica Nolan  Psychology
- Dr. Paul Cutrufello  Exercise Science & Sport
- Prof. Kristen Yarmey  Library
- Dr. Nathan Lefler  Theology
- Dr. David Dzurec  History
III. FACULTY DEVELOPMENT:

Provost Enhancement Awards

The winners of the Provost Enhancement Awards were announced at the Faculty Appreciation Day dinner on April 4th. Please join me in congratulating the winners:

**Excellence in Scholarship of Teaching and Learning**

*Douglas Boyle, Ph.D.*

*Robert Waldeck, Ph.D.*

**Excellence in Scholarly Publication**

*Mary Jane Hanson, Ph.D.*

**Excellence in Advancing Global Learning**

*Yamile Silva, Ph.D.*

**Excellence for University Service and Leadership**

*Rebecca Mikesell, Ph.D.*

**Excellence in Integrating Diversity in Learning**

*Paul Datti, Ph.D.*

**Excellence in Integrating Mission and Justice into the Curriculum**

*Iordanis Petsas, Ph.D.*

*Aram Balagyozyan, Ph.D.*

Summer Grants

Dr. Michael Azar  
*Stereotyping Exegesis: The Johannine Jews in Ancient and Modern Commentary*

Dr. Robert Giambatista  
*Advancing Research in Whole Person Learning as a Tool for Behavioral Skill Acquisition*

Dr. Irene Goll  
*Foreign Direct Investment, Human Rights, and Welfare*

Dr. Barry Kuhle  

Dr. Matthew Meyer  
*Nietzsche’s Revaluation of Values: A Love Story*

Dr. Eric Plumer  
*To Support the Research and Writing of Two Articles on John Ruskin’s Fors Clavigera*

Dr. Stephen Whittaker  
*Under Waterhouse’s Clock: The Engendering Geometry of Gnomon and Armillary in Joyce’s Forge*
Dr. Patricia Moyle Wright  
*Perinatal and Pediatric Loss*

**Clavius Grants**
The Faculty Development Board recommended funding for two Clavius Program proposals:

- Dr. Steven Whittaker  
  *Plato’s Aesthetics*

- Dr. Josephine Dunn  
  *The Jesuit Suppression: History, Restoration, Challenge*

**IV. FACULTY RESEARCH COMMITTEE:**

**Fall 2013 Internal Research Funding (IRF) Awards**
- Loreen Wolfer, Sociology/Criminal Justice  
  $1,877
- Abhijit Roy, Management/Marketing  
  $2,000
- Michael Knies, Library  
  $2,000
- Tim Foley, Chemistry and George Gomez, Biology  
  $3,000
- Carol Cote, Occupational Therapy  
  $1,060
- Scott Breloff and Andrew Stuka, Exercise Science  
  $2,990
- Jeremy Brees, Management/Marketing  
  $2,000

**Spring 2014 Internal Research Funding (IRF) Awards**
- Scott Breloff/Ronald Deitrick, Exercise Science  
  $3,000
- Roy Domenico, History  
  $2,000
- Shuhua Fan, History  
  $2,000
- Howard Fisher/Sufyan Mohammed, Communication  
  $2,000
- George Gomez, Biology  
  $2,000
- Renee Hakim/Michael Ross, Physical Therapy  
  $3,000
- Erica Lasek-Nesselquist, Biology  
  $2,000
- Yibai Li, Operations & Information Management  
  $1,998
- Robert McKeage/Len Tischler, Management  
  $2,990
- Kim Subasic, Nursing  
  $2,000
- Zhang, Operations & Information Management  
  $2,000

**AY2014 Patent Activity**

Provisional applications submitted (or in preparation):
- Nicholas P. Truncale, Visualizing Sound with an Electro-Optical Eardrum, U.S. Patent Provisional Application No. 61/908,234

- Nicholas P. Truncale and Nathan Williams, Celestial Body Digital Tracking System, U.S. Patent Provisional Application No. 61/938,869

- Nicholas P. Truncale, Interfaced Raspberry Pi for Reflective Soar Tracking (in preparation)

The following patent applications submitted (or in preparation):


V. FELLOWSHIPS and SCHOLARSHIPS:
The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship provides support for educational expenses to sophomores and juniors who intend to pursue careers in mathematics, the natural sciences, or engineering. This year we have two students who received Honorable Mention.

- Shayne Wierbowski - Sophomore BCMC, Computer Science and Philosophy major
- Alice Chen Liaw - Sophomore BCMC and Philosophy major

VI. FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS:
Though it is still very early in the notification cycle, we have learned that two of our graduating seniors already have been selected for Fulbright Scholarships for the next academic year. They are still going through the process of health and security clearances, so we cannot go to press on these awards yet.

- Emmanuel Akpan Jr. majoring in Neuroscience and a member of the Honors program has been selected to receive a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Cyprus.
- Olivia Salama, double majoring in Political Science and Philosophy, and a member of the SJLA Program, has been selected to receive a Fulbright Scholarship in Law to the University of Turku, Finland.

Three other Scranton applicants, who were named Fulbright National Finalists at the end of January, are still awaiting word from their countries, where final decisions should be made in the next eight weeks.

VII. SUSTAINABILITY
The University of Scranton's Office of Sustainability has planned a month of events in celebration of Earth Week 2014, encouraging our entire community to help better our environment. Earth Week events began on April 6, with a film and talk by environmental philosopher and filmmaker Dr. Irene Klaver. On April 22nd an "Earth Day Fair" in DeNaples is planned and will include interactive presentations and information related to the environment and sustainable practices. On April 25th a Campus Electronic Recycling and Document Shredding event will be held. The celebration will conclude on Saturday, April 26 with a 5K Fun Run/Walk on the Lackawanna Valley Heritage Trail. For details on all of the events visit the sustainability web site at: http://www.scranton.edu/sustainability/earth-week.shtml

VIII. EDUCATION FOR JUSTICE:
Education for Justice and the Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA) hosted a Nelson Mandela Tribute on Tuesday, March 25th.

IX. CHAIRPERSON ELECTIONS:
The following Departments elected a new chairperson:

- Terrance Sweeney - Biology
- Richard Plishka - Computing Science
- Iordanis Petsas - Economics/Finance
- Education - Darryl DeMarzio
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XI. THE COLLEGES:

**College of Arts and Sciences**

- The Department of Mathematics is hosting the regional meeting of the Mathematical Association of America on April 26th. About 100 faculty and students from colleges and universities in Eastern PA and Delaware are expected to attend. Colin Adams, Ph.D. from Williams College and Ruth Charney, Ph.D. from Brandeis University will be giving lectures.

- University of Scranton student Edward H. Ravert III was chosen from a national pool of candidates to receive the Public Relations Student Society of America’s (PRSSA) Daniel J. Edelman Award for the Outstanding Public Relations Student. The highly competitive award is presented annually to one student from across the nation chosen based on his or her demonstrated leadership skills, digital media presence, and public relations-related achievements and activities, among other factors. This is the first time a University of Scranton student has won the prestigious award. The award includes a
financial scholarship and a three-month paid internship in one of Edelman’s U.S. offices. Edelman is the largest public relations firm in the world, with 67 offices and more than 4,800 employees worldwide. The award is named after the firm’s founder, Daniel J. Edelman.

- The Eastern Psychological Association’s annual meeting was held in Boston from March 13-16. This year 18 of our students presented 10 different research projects. Students collaborated with Dr. Hogan, Dr. Karpia, Dr. Nolan, Dr. Norcross and Dr. Orr.

Panuska College of Professional Studies

- CACREP site visit took place on February 25, 2014 for the Department of Counseling and Human Services Programs. The Clinical Mental Health Counseling Graduate Program (currently accredited as a Community Counseling program is seeking CMHC accreditation) and the School Counseling Graduate Program plus the graduate CORE-accredited Rehabilitation Counseling Program and an undergraduate Counseling and Human Services program accredited by the Council for Standards in Human Services Education (CSHSE) are the programs in the Department of Counseling and Human Services being reviewed by CACREP.

- ACOTE site visit takes place in May 2014 for the Department of Occupational Therapy Program. The Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) accepted the self-study report on February 5, 2014 and will be on campus this May for their site visit.

- PCPS has formed a Curriculum and Assessment Committee (C&A). The committee consists of one faculty member appointed by each department, the PCPS faculty fellow that is a member of the University’s Office of Assessment and one member of the University’s Assessment Advisory Committee. A representative of the PCPS Dean’s Office serves as a non-voting convener of the committee.

The PCPS C&A Committee will meet monthly to consider curriculum proposals and to review student learning outcome assessments from two PCPS programs. Programs will present curricular maps and assessment activities for two of their program-level student learning outcomes to the C&A Committee on a 2-year schedule. Undergraduate Nursing and Occupational Therapy will be the first programs to present to the C&A Committee and are scheduled for May 2014.

XII. PERFORMANCE MUSIC:
In addition to the regular weekly ensembles rehearsal schedule, student coaching, and dress rehearsals of student ensembles, as well as operational/administrative tasks of the department, the following special programs and performances were offered by the Performance Music department from April, 2014 through June, 2014.

- April 6, 2014, 7:30 P.M. Combined concert featuring The Manhattan School of Music Brass Orchestra and The University of Scranton Singers
- April 25, 2014, 7:30 P.M. The University of Scranton String Orchestra
- May 3, 2014, 7:30 P.M. 31st Annual World Premiere Composition Series Concert featuring two new works by composer/conductor Kyle Athaye performed by The University of Scranton Concert Band & Concert Choir
• May 9, 2014, 7:30 P.M.
  The University of Scranton Jazz Band (guest artist TBA)
• May 16, 2014, 7:30 P.M.
  Pre-Commencement Concert
  The University of Scranton Symphonic Band and Singers
• June 16 – 20, 2014 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.
  Scranton Brass Seminar (educational event for brass players)
• June 22, 2014, 7:30 P.M.
  The Scranton Brass Orchestra (Mark Gould and Cheryl Y. Boga, Directors)