TO: The Faculty Senate

FROM: Donald R. Boomgaard, Ph.D.
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

DATE: April 7, 2015

SUBJECT: Provost's Report for April 10, 2015

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

Katherine Stumpo Assistant Professor Chemistry
Hyuk Jun Cheong Instructor Communication
William Miller Faculty Specialist Health Administration & Human Resources

II. RANK AND TENURE:
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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
Teresa A. Grettano, Ph.D.
Donna Witek, MLS.

Excellence in Scholarly Publication
Julie Ann Nastasi, OTD
Leonard G. Gougeon, Ph.D.

Excellence in Advancing Global Learning
Shuhua Fan, Ph.D.

Excellence for University Service and Leadership
Kristen A. Yarmey, MLS, MA
Michael D. Friedman, Ph.D.

Excellence in Integrating Mission and Justice into the Curriculum
Susan Mendez, Ph.D.
Abhijit Roy, DBA
Michael Allison, Ph.D.

Summer Grants
- Dr. Danielle Argio
  Web-Based Intervention for Prediabetic Midlife Adults: An NIH R21 Application
- Dr. Will Cohen
  The Holy Spirit
- Dr. Andrew LaZella
  Singular Thought and Singular Reference: John Duns Scotus on Knowing and Naming Haecceitas
- Dr. Jerry Muir
  Vector-Valued Integral Kernels of Bergman Type
- Dr. Katherine Purswell
  Development of Play Therapy Certificate Program
• Dr. Marc Seid  Neuromechanisms of Eusociality: Pharmacological manipulation of bees

• Dr. Yamille Silva  Geronimo de Ypocr and His Manuscript on the Discovery of the Amazon River

• Dr. Jamie Trnka  Exile and World Literacy Circulation

Clavius Grants
• Dr. Darryl DeMarzio  Questioning Childhood

• Dr. Andrew LaZella  Language: An Interdisciplinary Approach

• Dr. Jill Warker

• Dr. Janice Voltzow  An Interdisciplinary Faculty Writing Group

• Dr. Erica Lasek-Nesselquist

IV. FELLOWSHIPS and SCHOLARSHIPS:

• To date 20 students have been accepted to 34 Medical School; 9 students have been accepted to 9 Dental Schools; 1 student was accepted to 2 Optometry Schools; 2 students have been accepted to 4 Veterinary Schools, and 1 student has been accepted to 2 Podiatry Schools.

• 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. Two hundred sixty scholarships were awarded this year. Christopher Kilner a Biochemistry, Cell & Molecular Biology, Environmental Science and Political Science Major was named a Goldwater Scholar and Alice Chen a Biochemistry, Cell & Molecular Biology, Philosophy Major received an Honorable Mention.

V. Assessment Update:

OEA Faculty Grant Opportunity for Assessment of Student Learning: The Office of Educational Assessment (OEA) offers grants of up to $1,800 for full-time faculty interested in enhancing their assessment skills. Two grants were awarded this semester, and were used to fund faculty participation in assessment programs that were part of a disciplinary conference for faculty representing two CAS departments. Grant funds covered a one-day assessment workshop and related travel costs. The application is available from the OEA Office. For summer and fall grants, the due date is June 1st.
Conference Announcement: The second annual conference on assessment of student learning will be held at Drexel University in September - Assessment for Student Success: Building Academic Innovation & Renewal. This is an excellent conference and funding through the OEA Faculty Assessment Grant is available. Department chairs and faculty are encouraged to attend - http://drexel.edu/aconf/

ePlatform committee & Special Advisory Group to AAC (Assessment Advisory Committee) Four vendors offered information sessions about electronic assessment platforms. Results of the post-session survey ranked the vendors as follows: LiveText & Taskstream (tied for first); Campus Lab (2nd) and D2L (3rd).

Program Assessment Plans: OEA is working with CAS Chairs and Program Directors to develop assessment plans that will be submitted electronically to the Provost Office.

Annual Report format: CAS Assessment data gathered during the 2014-2015 academic year will be reported via the new OEA Program Assessment Report (PAR) template which will be submitted as an attachment to the Annual Report System. Assistance with the process is available from OEA.

VII. SUSTAINABILITY
The University of Scranton’s Sustainability Committee is working hard at planning and implementing numerous events in celebration of Earth Week 2015. For more information on the events visit http://www.scranton.edu/sustainability/earth-week.shtml.

VIII. CURRICULUM APPROVALS:

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Course Change

EXSC 240: Prevention and Care of Sports Injuries 2/4/2015
EDUC 357: Integrated Methods Across Curriculum II 2/13/2015
ECUI 521: Field Experience I 2/11/15
EFND 516: Advanced Educational Psychology 2/11/15
NURS 546: Nurse Anesthesia Clinical Practicum I 2/11/15
NURS 556: Nurse Anesthesia Clinical Practicum II 2/11/15

Program Changes

EXSC Clinical Track 2/6/15
Sociology Major 9/18/15
Neuroscience – Electives 1/5/15
Psychology – Minor Grid 1/5/15
Special Education, MS 2/13/15
Early and Primary Teacher Education 2/11/15
Secondary Education, MS 2/11/15
Nurse Anesthesia Program 2/11/15
EXEC 313: Biomechanics for Sport and Exercise 3/19/15

IX. THE COLLEGES:

College of Arts and Sciences

- The Department of Mathematics is hosting the Math Integration Bee, Monday, April 20th. The competition is open to area high school students and will help students improve their skills for Advanced Placement mathematics tests.
- The English and Theatre Department hosted its inaugural Alumni Lecture with a talk by Harry Brown, Ph.D., entitled “Speculative Ecology: Arcadia, Utopia, Mars on March 26th.” The Alumni Series will feature a discussion by a graduate of the University’s English Department annually.
- The 2015 Kane Competition will be held on April 15th. This year’s theme “Music, Waves, and Oscillations” will involve physics problems relating to reverse engineering, circuits, interferometry, and even a guitar concert. Fifteen high schools from across the area participate in the competition.

Panuska College of Professional Studies

- Sandra LaManna, a Faculty Specialist in the Education Department was recently named Kappa Delta Pi Teacher of the Year by Scranton’s chapter of the international honor society in education.
- Healthcare professionals involved in caring for senior citizens were exposed to current best practices and latest research findings at the University of Scranton’s fifth annual Conference on Aging. Nationally recognized experts in the interdisciplinary fields of elder care presented their findings at the conference titled: “Perspectives on Aging and the Brain: Restorative-Medical-Spiritual-Caregiving, on April 9th.”
Kania School of Management

- Christopher LoGiurato, a business administration and entrepreneurship major, was among just 123 students from 52 higher education institutions in the nation named as University Innovation Fellows by the National Center for Engineering Pathways to Innovation. The prestigious program is run by Epicenter, and is funded by the National Science Foundation.

Library

- The second annual Jay Nathan, Ph.D., Visiting Scholar Lecture Series titled “Mongolia: History, Culture and Transformation” will took place on April 8th.
- In an ongoing partnership with Public Relations, the Library is digitizing University press releases, newspaper clippings, and other related materials stored in PR’s subject and biographical reference files. More than 4,000 press releases have already been published in the Library’s digital collections.
- The Library is actively involved in the ongoing development of a Pennsylvania state service hub for the Digital Public Library of America (dp.la). The successful implementation of a service hub will allow the Library to expose our digital collections (www.scranton.edu/library/digitalcollections) to new audiences via the DPLA interface.
- The Library has received a major donation from local freelance photographer Terry Connors consisting of over 86,000 born digital photographs, all of which have been successfully transferred from photo CDs into the Library’s digital repository. Workflows and processes for deduplicating, describing, and providing access to the photographs are in development.
- In collaboration with the Marywood University Library, the Weinberg Memorial Library is coordinating a virtual lecture series on Social Justice in the Information Society. This semester's speakers include Zeynep Tufekci, Assistant Professor, School of Information and Library Science and Department of Sociology, U. North Carolina-Chapel Hill, who will speak on "New Civic Spaces" (April 8, 6pm at Marywood's Swartz Center) and Marvin Ammori, "thought leader in internet law," who will speak on "The Net Neutrality Debate: What It Means for the Future of the US Economy, Lobbying, and the DC Political World" (April 13, 7pm in Moscovitz Theater).
- The McHugh Special Collections has mounted an exhibit, “Cornerstone of Victory,” commemorating the 70th anniversary of the conclusion of World War II. The exhibit includes material from the University Archives and McHugh Special Collections and will feature a joint lecture by history professors, Dr. Sean Brennan and Dr. Frank Homer, on Thursday, April 9 at 6pm in the Library’s Heritage Room. The exhibit is on display in the Heritage Room until Sunday, April 26.
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