TO: The Faculty Senate

FROM: Patricia Harrington, Ed.D.
      Acting Provost

DATE: April 4, 2016

SUBJECT: Provost’s Report for April 8, 2016

I. FACULTY SEARCHES:
   We have currently filled six positions and interviews continue.
   Julie Nastasi  Assistant Professor  Occupational Therapy
   John Ruddy  Assistant Professor  Economics/Finance
   Ashley Regan  Faculty Specialist  Accounting
   Andrew Venezia  Assistant Professor  Exercise Science & Sport
   Ahmed Gomaa  Associate Professor  OIM
   Vincent Rocco  Faculty Specialist  OIM

II. ASSESSMENT:
   Updates for April include the successful completion of the Monitoring Report, which was
   submitted to Middle States on March 31. A copy of the report can be accessed on the
   “my.scranton” portal under the “News” tab. On behalf of the OEA team, I want to extend
   my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the members of the faculty and staff who provided
   assessment evidence over the past 18 months. A special thanks to members of the faculty
   and staff who serve on the Assessment Advisory Committee (AAC) and faculty at large
   who contributed ideas and editing in response to drafts. The report was prepared by Ms.
   Kate Yerkes in close collaboration with Dr. Mary Jane DiMattio and Dr. Cyrus Olsen with
   the support of Richard Walsh, Julie Brackeva-Phillips, and Lorraine Mancuso.

   The annual report process in CAS and PCPS will include a separate assessment report and
   new electronic portal for submission of reports. OEA presented the new electronic portal
   at the CAS and PCPS Dean’s Conferences. Prof. Nick Truncale and Elizabeth Chalk
   accompanied students to a Teagle workshop on conducting peer focus groups for
   assessment, and OEA announced spring faculty grant recipients.

III. FACULTY DEVELOPMENT:

   Provost Enhancement Awards
   The winners of the Provost Enhancement Awards were announced at the Faculty
   Appreciation Day dinner on April 1st. Please join me in congratulating the winners:

   Excellence in Integrating Diversity in Learning
   Rebecca S. Dalgan, Ph.D.
   Meghan A. Rich, Ph.D.
Excellence in Scholarship of Teaching and Learning
Robert C Giambatista, Ph.D.

Excellence in Scholarly Publication
Brian Carpenter, Ph.D.

Excellence in Advancing Global Learning
Ioannis N. Kallianiotis, Ph.D.
Jamie H. Trnka, Ph.D.

Excellence in Advancing Interdisciplinary Study
Joseph E. Kraus, Ph.D.

Excellence for University Service and Leadership
Harry R. Dammer, Ph.D.
Vanessa A. Silla, Ed.D.

Excellence in Adapting Classic Principles of Jesuit Pedagogy into the Curriculum:
The Magis Award
Daniel P. Haggerty, Ph.D.

Summer Grants

- Dr. Scott Breloff  
  Quantifying Multi-segmented Spine Motion 
  During Various Methods of Lifting

- Dr. John Deak  
  Numerical Simulations of Heat Flow in Nano-Structured Materials

- Dr. Jason Graham  
  Mathematical Modeling of Ant Foraging Behavior

- Dr. Abhijit Roy  
  Dwarkanath Tagore as a Pioneering Entrepreneur 
  of India and his Use of the Integrated 
  Marketing Approach in Partnering with the 
  British East India Company and other 
  Enterprises

- Dr. Janice Voltzow  
  A Tale of Two Snails: Commensalism or “friends with benefits”?

- Dr. Hank Willenbrink  
  Catalan Publics, Catalan Theatricality: Salas Alternativas and Contemporary Barcelona

Clavius Grants

- Dr. Jessica Nolan  
  Race, Class and the Criminal Justice System

Dr. Meghan Rich
Dr. Michael Jenkins
Dr. Adam Pratt

- Dr. Timothy Foley  
  
  Bench to Bedside: Advances in Cancer Research and Treatment

IV. INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS and SERVICES
The University of Scranton’s Risk Assessment Group determined that student-related projects to El Salvador, Honduras and Haiti, would be suspended in summer 2016 and fall 2016. The Group has been in contact with a number of other US Jesuit Universities and has been monitoring various reports on these countries, including our insurance contractor’s risk assessment notices and those from the US Department of State notices (OSAC). The decision is based on the high level of violence in these countries and the University’s concern for the safety of faculty, staff and students. Faculty who were hoping to continue their projects will have an opportunity to request a meeting with the Group to discuss the matter further. Please be aware that there is movement to identify alternate sites for student-faculty courses and service projects.

V. RANKINGS
Forbes ranked The University of Scranton among “America’s Best Value Colleges,” based on analysis by The Center for College Affordability and Productivity. Forbes ranked Scranton No. 166 in its 2016 publication that includes just 300 U.S. colleges and universities, or about 10 percent, that “provide students with the most value for the dollar.”

VI. FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS:
Dr. Trussler has notified me that three seniors have just heard they have won Fulbrights for next year. The recipients are:
- Veronica Sinotte, a double major in Biology and Philosophy, and in the SJLA and Honors programs, has won a Fulbright to Denmark, where she will pursue research in Biology at the University of Copenhagen.
- Ivan Simpson-Kent, a double major in Neuroscience and Philosophy, and also both SJLA and Honors, has won a Fulbright to Germany, where he will conduct research at the University of Regensburg.
- Olivia Gillespie, who is an English major, has won a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Brazil.

Two more current students still are listed as National Semi-Finalists and are awaiting decisions from the host countries.

VII. SUSTAINABILITY
The University of Scranton's Sustainability Committee is working hard at planning and implementing numerous events in celebration of Earth Week 2016. For more information on the events visit http://www.scranton.edu/sustainability/earth-week.shtml.

VIII. CURRICULUM APPROVALS:
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EXSC Major 12/17/15
Mathematics, BS 1/21/16
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Exercise Science Clinical Track 1/21/16
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Exercise Science Pre-Professional Track 2/10/16
Exercise Science Applied Kinesiology Track 2/15/16

New Course
COUN 581: Advanced Group Supervision for Licensure 12/17/15
IT 112: Intro to Computing & Information Technology 12/1/15
IT 210: System Administration 12/1/15
IT 241: Fundamentals of Information Management 12/1/15
IT 244: Integrative Programming 12/1/15
IT 310: System Integration and Architecture 12/1/15
IT 358: Information Assurance and Security 12/1/15
IT 384: Special Topics 12/1/15
ECUI 540: Differentiation & Specially Designed Instruction for Students with Disabilities 2/10/16

Course Change
PHED 112, 113, 150 to EXSC 12/17/15
EXSC 350: Nutrition through the Life Cycle 12/17/15
PHED 160, 161, 202, 205, 208 12/17/15
IT 120/CMPS 202: Web Development 12/1/15
IT 354/CMPS 311: Computer Networks and Security 12/1/15
IT 356/CMPS 356: Web Programming 12/1/15
IT 481: Information Technology Internship 12/1/15
IT 490/MIT 490: Information Technology Project 12/1/15
NURS 504: Anatomy for Nurse Anesthesia 2/10/16
EFND 511: Educational Tests & Measurement 2/10/16
EADM 546: Practicum in Supervision 2/10/16

Course Deletion
NURS 503: Basic Principles of Nurse Admin. Anesthesia 1/21/16
NURS 506: Advanced Principles of Nurse Admin. Anesthesia I 1/21/16
NURS 508: Advanced Principles of Nurse Admin. Anesthesia II 1/21/16
NURS 509: Advanced Principles of Nurse Admin. Anesthesia III 1/21/16
NURS 512: Physics of Nurse Admin. Anesthesia 1/21/16
NURS 515: Chemistry of Nurse Admin. Anesthesia 1/21/16
NURS 519: Pharmacology of Nurse Admin. Anesthesia III 1/21/16
NURS 522: Physiology and Health of Nurse Admin. Anesthesia I 1/21/16
NURS 523: Physiology and Health of Nurse Admin. Anesthesia II 1/21/16
NURS 524: Physiology and Health of Nurse Admin. Anesthesia III 1/21/16
IX. THE COLLEGES:

College of Arts and Sciences
April 20th is the date for this year’s Kane competition themed “Mythbusters”, will engage high school physics students from 15 high schools in NEPA in a variety of physics and engineering related events.

Panuska College of Professional Studies
The Leahy Community Health and Family Center will receive a $35,000 grant from the CVS Health Foundation. The money will be used to set up a chronic disease management and wellness initiative, which will work to manage, reduce or eliminate risk factors of patients who suffer from diabetes, obesity and hypertension through healthy lifestyle changes and the use of affordable medication.

April 7th is Biomechanics Day, a nation-wide event demonstrating biomechanics in its many forms to high school students and teachers. Dr. Breloff has a group of 15 student coming to campus on that day to participate in the program. The goal is to increase awareness and appreciation of biomechanics among the high school community throughout the US.

On April 24th the Inaugural Maria Gervasio Cura Personalis Lecture will be held. The speaker will be Danielle Butin, MPH, OTL, Founder and Executive Director of the Afya Foundation, a medical supply recovery organization based in NY.

Kania School of Management
AACSB International (The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) has extended accreditation for the undergraduate and master’s programs for five more years through 2021. Less than five percent of business colleges worldwide - 755 schools of business in 51 countries – hold AACSB accreditation. We are among just 26 AACSB International accredited business schools in Pennsylvania.

Library
The third annual Jay Nathan, Ph.D. Visiting Scholar Lecture Series will be held on April 26th and will discuss “Thailand: Traditions. Modernization.” Panelists are: Jay Nathan, Ph.D., The Honorable Pornpong Kanittanon, the Royal Thai Consul General; Korbsiri Iamsuri, director of the Thailand Board of Investment, Napadol Thongmee, consul at the Thai Trade Center; and Srimala Waraphaskul, director of Tourism Authority of Thailand.