

TO: Faculty Senate Report

FROM: Joseph H. Dreisbach, Ph.D.
Interim Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

DATE: May 4, 2018

RE: Provost's Report for May

1. Update on the 2019-20 Calendar Proposal Process

The proposed 2019-20 academic calendar has received endorsement from each of the governing Senates and is being reviewed a final time prior to submission through the contractually mandated review by the Faculty Affairs Council. The new calendar proposal incorporates all parts-of-term into the standard terms. In this way, the calendar eliminates potential federal financial aid compliance issues that could arise from students registering in overlapping standard and special terms.

2. Enrollment

The 1 May enrollment numbers rest at 970 entering first year students in fall 2018. The first-year discount rate appears to be in the projected 51.5 – 52.0 % range. This is a sound number which should provide for a stable budget in 2018-19. I offer my thanks to all members of our University community for their efforts in many different ways. Although the cost of attending the University remains a major element in decision making for families, the University continues to be an attractive destination for students.

3. Magna Charta Universitatum

The University's application to the *Magna Charta Universitatum* was reviewed positively and the University is accepted to become a signatory. The Magna Charta Universitatum is a document developed by European Universities in 1988. It is intended to protect the fundamental values that are inherent in academic work including teaching and scholarship. Admission recognizes the University of Scranton's commitment to these values and provides avenues to collaborative work with European and other international universities. Thank you to Dr. Daniel West, Professor and Chair in the Department of Health Administration and Human Resources, for his guidance in this work.

4. Congressional Briefing

Dr. Michael Jenkins and students engaged with the Center for Analysis and Prevention of Crime, and Scranton Police Chief Carl Graziano provide a Congressional Briefing on 8 May. The New American Colleges and Universities served as sponsor. Title and abstract are provided below.

Working Together: How Students, Faculty, and Police Are Improving Criminal Justice in the University of Scranton's Community

The University's Center for the Analysis and Prevention of Crime (CAPoC) offers criminal justice and sociology students the opportunity to engage with faculty to learn about and apply data management, analysis, and presentation skills to problems facing local criminal justice and social service agencies. Students will present on the crime analysis and evaluation work they've done with the Scranton Police Department and a local Crisis Intervention Team training for first responders.

5. Program Discontinuation

Proposals on program discontinuation will be finalized later in May and advanced to the Faculty Senate for its review and comments in fall 2018. The relevant program directors and chairpersons will be notified when the recommendations are finalized.

6. Middle States Self-Study Update:

The Self-Study continues to process. Thank you to all who are engaged in the project. The Working Groups have submitted drafts which provide strong cases for how The University of Scranton meets the Middle States Standards for Accreditation. The drafts also begin to identify emerging opportunities for improvement, while noting items to change in the short term. We expect to present the Board of Trustees an in-depth review of the full draft report in the fall.

Key Self-Study dates in AY 2018-19:

- November 8-9, 2018: Visiting Team Chair's preliminary visit to campus
- December 2018: Board approval of the Self-study Report
- March 3-6, 2019: Full Team visit to campus

7. Fulbright Updates:

Two of our three national finalist have been notified that they were awarded a Fulbright Scholarship.

- Lauren Coggins, majoring in Secondary Education and Hispanic Studies with a concentration in Latin American Studies has been selected to receive a Fulbright to Mexico where she will teach English as a Second Language.
- Cameron Hughes, majoring in Biology has been selected to receive a Fulbright to Laos where he will teach English as a Second Language.

We are still waiting to hear about our third national finalist.

8. New Degree Programs:

Two new degree programs a B.A. in Business Communication and B.A. in Social Media Strategies will be presented to the Board of Trustees on May 11th. Members of the Education Committee discussed the proposed programs during a May 1st teleconference, as well as topics related to the University's portfolio of degree programs. Faculty leaders of the proposed programs will provide brief presentations to the committee at the May 11th meeting.

9. Faculty Handbook Committee

The language approved by the Faculty Handbook Committee, the FPC and faculty will be presented to the Board of Trustees at the May 11th meeting.

- a) Appendix II – Norms for Evaluating Faculty for Rank & Tenure – changes were made to clarify that at any stage of the rank and tenure process exclusion of student comments from student evaluations will not be construed as evidence of inadequate teaching.
- b) Appendix VI: Annual Reappointment and Non-Reappointment of Non-Tenure Track Faculty – removal of language referring to physical education faculty.
- c) 5.4 General Responsibilities of Full-Time Faculty Members – clarified that faculty are expected to maintain scheduled office hours on-campus.

10. Update on Faculty Hiring:

As of today, we have successfully completed thirteen searches for the 2018-19 academic year.

Mohammad Maktoomi

Physics/EE

Jason Shrive
Colleen Farry
Gail Kemp

Sociology/CJ
Library
Psychology

11. Global Initiatives

International Student and Scholar Services

- This spring 2018, the Kania School of Management is hosting a visiting professor from the Capital University of Economics and Business (CUEB), Beijing, China.
- The university welcomed eight new exchange students from Colombia, Spain, South Korea and Taiwan, three new graduate students from Saudi Arabia, one new graduate student from India and one new undergraduate student from China.
- This spring we have 75 international students from 23 countries on campus. Of that number 64 are degree-seeking students and 11 are exchange students.

Study Abroad

- Our office processed 147 students to study abroad during Intersession 2018.
- A memorandum of understanding was signed in January to further develop a University of Scranton off campus site in Uganda. Nursing, PT, Health Administration and Theology departments are spearheading the development with the Uganda Nursing School Bwindi. This initiative could develop into our second global site.
- Department Liaisons will be discussing the proposed academic calendar change and its impact on study abroad.
- New initiatives are being used this semester to encourage students to study abroad.

12. Curriculum Approvals

New Program

Legal Studies Concentration
Business Honors Program

Date Posted

2/1/18
4/23/18

Program Change

Forensic Chemistry
Nurse Anesthesia Program
Criminology Minor
Political Science
MS in Finance
Finance Majors- Economics Minors
Economics Majors – Finance Minors
Economics & Finance Minors

2/12/18
1/12/18
2/15/18
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New Course

COMM 117: Foundations of Business Writing & Social Media Comm.
COMM 365: Social Media Production
COMM 435: Social Media Campaigns
PSYC 211: Research Methods & Statistical Analysis
PSYC 212: Research Methods and Statistical Analysis II
HAD 595: South American Health systems
HAD 596: European Health System
COMM 265: Social Media Communication

4/6/18
4/12/18
11/21/17
4/6/18
2/12/18
4/21/18
4/21/18
4/6/18

BA 571: Introduction to Business Analytics	1/10/18
BA 575: Business Simulation	1/10/18
BA 576: Business Database Management Systems	4/12/18
BA 574: Business Forecasting Models	4/12/18
BA 578: Business Intelligence	4/12/18
BA 572: Data Mining	4/12/18

Course Deletion

ECO 102: Fundamentals of Eco Analysis	2/15/18
ECO 200: Economic Security and Personal Finance	2/15/18

Course Change

HAD 517: Global Health Management	4/2/17
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13. College Updates:

College of Arts and Sciences

- Dr. Daniel Haggerty has been selected Teacher of the Year by the graduating senior class. The Student Government President will present the award during Class Night on May 25th.
- The Ellacuria Initiative hosted its annual teach-in on April 26th. This year's theme was Catholic Social Teaching and Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Panuska College of Professional Studies

- Sandra Pesavento, Ph.D., faculty specialist in the Education Department at The University of Scranton, received the Diane Place Doctoral Dissertation Award at Wilkes University's School of Education fourth annual Celebration of Education event. The award honors a Wilkes graduate student who exhibits perseverance in completing doctoral studies, commitment to lifelong learning, resilience in the face of adversity, strength of character to advance in life through education, collegiality with peers, leadership in education and excellence in academics.
- The University's Master of Health Administration program hosted the 23rd Annual Healthcare Symposium on April 5th. The purpose of the symposium was to promote closer relationships with the regional community of healthcare professionals, students, and consumers while providing continuing education for professional development.

Kania School of Management

- The Business High School Scholars Program, which will begin this summer as a pilot program, builds on the University's successful High School Scholars Program that allows students to take college courses at a reduced rate. The program seeks to group sophomore and junior high school students interested in pursuing a business degree at Scranton into a cohort and provide financial support to participants from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. Courses will be offered in the summer, early mornings or late afternoons in order to accommodate the schedule of high school students. The structure of the program will encourage student to progress through the curriculum as a cohort, and includes planned courses in accounting, economics and management, as well as in writing composition, philosophy and theology.
- The Henry George Lecture and ODE Induction Dinner was held on April 9th. Sponsored by the Department of Economic & Finance and the XI Chapter of Omicron Delta Epsilon. The keynote speaker was Dr. Chang-Tai Hsieh, the Phyllis and Irwin Winkelried Professor of Economics and PCL faculty scholar of the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business. Dr. Chang-Tai Hsieh topic was Crony Capitalism with Chinese Characteristics.