

TO: Faculty Senate

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### **Not Goodbye yet...**

As most of you likely saw, I will end my time at the University of Scranton on June 1<sup>st</sup> of this year in order to assume the presidency at St. Bonaventure University in New York. This is a wonderful opportunity for me, but I will miss my time with all of you and am very appreciative of your support of the University during these crazy past two years of the pandemic. I am so proud of all that you have accomplished to keep the educational engines on track and looking to the future. I look forward to continuing to work with you these next few months.

Fr. Marina is currently considering the various options for filling my position and will announce these when he has a plan.

I am sorry that I will not be attending the March Faculty Senate meeting because of a scheduling conflict that I cannot avoid. Dave Marx will be attending in my place.

### **Loss of a Colleague, Mary Jane Hanson**

We are grieving the passing of our colleague, Mary Jane Hanson, Professor in the Nursing Department. Mary Jane earned her bachelor's degree in 1982 from Cedar Crest College, her MSN and doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania. She came to the University in 1996.

Mary Jane was the director of graduate nursing and the DNP programs, as well as a practicing nurse practitioner who compassionately cared for her patients and her students on a daily basis.

### **Royal Back Together**

The University announced an update regarding its Royals Back Together safety protocols with respect to mask requirements, **effective February 28, and continuing through the end of spring break on March 21.** Key information included:

- Fully vaccinated and boosted members of the community **can choose not to wear a mask indoors** in all campus buildings **with the following notable exceptions:**
  - **Higher grade masks are still required in classrooms, laboratories, shared offices and campus liturgies.**
- Masks are **recommended** while moving in hallways between classes and laboratories.

- Members of the community who are **unvaccinated or eligible but not boosted must wear higher-grade masks indoors throughout campus.**
- Employees and students have the right to ask all individuals to wear masks in their personal workspaces or residence hall rooms, respectively.
- The campus is [only open to members of the University community and invited guests.](#) **Guests must wear higher-grade masks indoors** throughout campus regardless of vaccination status.

We will continue to monitor the trends on and off campus, as well as the guidance from the CDC and state. If you have any questions, please reach out to your dean or department chair. You can always feel free to email me with any specific concerns or questions.

### **Update on Administrative Searches**

#### Vice President for Enrollment Management

We have three finalists on campus this week. We are looking forward to meeting with them and receiving campus feedback. This will be an important role for us in the years ahead.

#### Dean of the Weinberg Memorial Library

As announced, we are so pleased that George Aulisio accepted the position of Dean of the Weinberg Memorial Library, beginning immediately. George has done an outstanding job as interim dean and I am confident that he will continue to be a strong advocate and leader for our Library and our Library faculty.

#### Dean of the Kania School of Management

Three candidates will be on campus on campus this week. We look forward to campus feedback and will hopefully be making an offer within the next couple of weeks.

#### Dean of the Panuska College of Professional Studies

At this point, we plan to bring two to three finalists to campus the week of March 21-25. We will set up the interview schedule similar to the process of the KSOM Dean candidates.

A big thank you to all who are serving on these search committees. They are a lot of work but so important!

### **Board on Rank and Tenure**

I want to offer my profound congratulations to the faculty who received promotion or tenure this year. I am grateful to the members of the Board on Rank and Tenure, deans, chairs, department members and other faculty who participated in this thoughtful and rigorous review process.

Below are the 2021-2022 Rank and Tenure results effective August 31, 2021.

Dr. Marc Seid

Biology

Professor

Dr. Maria Squire	Biology	Professor
Dr. Michael Jenkins	Sociology/Criminal Justice/Criminology	Professor
Dr. Chris Howey	Biology	Associate
Dr. Brian Snee	Communication & Media	Associate
Dr. Tiffany Bordonada	Counseling/Human Services	Associate
Dr. Alexander Rudniy	Computer Science	Tenure
Dr. Ismail Onat	Sociology/Criminal Justice/Criminology	Tenure
Dr. Andrew Venezia	Health & Human Performance	Tenure
Dr. Julie Nastasi	Occupational Therapy	Tenure
Dr. John Ruddy	Economics/Finance	Tenure

## Curriculum

### New Course

	Date Posted
ENLT 124: Literature and the Environment	12/22/21
LIT 222 E/F: Black Italy: Afro-Italian Identities	12.21.21
BUS 483K: Business Honors Project (DEPT 483K)	10/7/21
HADM 120: Public Health: US & Beyond	1/25/22
HIFN 591: Health Informatics Capstone I	1/25/22
HIFN 592: Health Informatics Capstone II	1/25/22

### Course Change

PT 721: Rehabilitation I for PT	12/21/21
ME 260: Strength of Materials	12/21/21
ME 370: Manufacturing Processes	12/21/21
ME 461: Senior Design II	12/21/21
ITAL 439: The craft of Translation	12/21/21
CHEM 370: Instrumental Analysis	12/21/21
COUN 596: Internship: Rehabilitation Counseling	12/21/21
PT 713L: Orthopedic Lab I	1/25/22
HADM 293: Research in Health Administration	1/25/22
COUN 506: Social and Cultural Issues	1/25/22

### Program Change

Business Honors Program (KHON)	12/3/21
Economics/Finance Department Name Change	11/30/21
English Major	12/21/21
Mathematics BS	2/21/22
Nutrition Concentration	12/22/21
DPT Program	1/25/22
HADM Program	1/25/22
Health Informatics	1/25/22

## Updates

- On February 26<sup>th</sup> OT students joined the staff from United Neighborhood Centers (UNC) of NEPA to conduct a block level assessment of the Pine Brook neighborhood. University students and UNC staff went out in groups to gather data on the accessibility of the Pine Brook neighborhood to help identify the physical needs of the neighborhood, which will help inform UNC's Pine Brook revitalization plan.

The Pine Brook community assessment is a unique opportunity for our occupational therapy students to explore their understanding of how environments and contexts impact how people live -- the things they do and how they do them. I am grateful to UNC that we are able to help with this project," said Dr. Deborah E. Budash Ph.D.

- The World Languages and Cultures Department have scheduled 2022 TA Talks. These events feature the department's Fulbright Foreign Languages Teaching Assistants and Visiting Instructors that come to the University to teach their languages. This is an opportunity to hear their unique perspectives on their home countries and cultures.

Spain, Palestine, and Taiwan – March 31 11:30 am to 1:00 pm – Brennan 509

Japan, Germany, and France – April 28 – 4:30 to 6:00 pm – Brennan 509