

TO: The Faculty Senate

FROM: Harold W. Baillie, Ph.D.
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

DATE: April 11, 2012

SUBJECT: Provost's Report for April 2012

FACULTY SEARCHES:

We have currently filled four positions, additional offers are out, and interviews continue.

ADMINISTRATIVE SEARCHES:

On April 2, 2012, Huey Shi Chew joined The University of Scranton's International Programs and Services Office as the new director of international student and scholar services. Ms. Chew comes to Scranton having previously served as international student coordinator at Missouri Western State University, and prior to that as associate director of international admissions at Pittsburg State University, where she won the Rising Star Award for professional staff. Ms. Chew received her B.S.C. in mathematics from the University Science in Malaysia, her M.ED. in guidance and counseling from University Malaya Malaysia, and her Ed.S in higher education administration from Pittsburg State University.

FIRST YEAR SEMINAR

There are currently fewer than at anticipated fifty-five First Year Seminars needed for the fall of 2012. Students will be registered for seminars as long as there are openings. If needed, faculty who are interested, in departments able to do so, will be able to offer seminars in the spring, and students not registered for a seminar in the fall will meet the obligation in the spring.

Following the March Faculty Senate meeting, there was a Brown Bag meeting to discuss next steps in the discussion of credit reduction. In line with the Senate's resolution, those present agreed that the Provost would remind all involved that when the master schedule was done in the fall of 2012 for the year 2013-2014 departments chair's should take into account the proposed elimination of Comm 100, C/II 102, and the three Phys Ed requirements, and that work should begin on reworking the grids that guide students in course selection for majors.

Work on the Student Wellness plan, as noted in Dave Hair's memo has been conflicted and is uneven in its accomplishments. The problems associated with adding the three credit First Year Seminar to credit heavy majors are manageable. Most majors do not schedule freshmen to take Phys Ed in the fall. This suggests that for scheduling purposes, even credit heavy majors are not facing immediate problems. The long term pressure on credit heavy majors can thus be handled through the ordinary Faculty Senate deliberations and the administrative routine already proposed for next year.

The deans and I will continue to work with Student Affairs and the Department of Exercise Science to develop a quality Student Wellness Program.

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT:

Provost Enhancement Awards

Excellence in Scholarly Publication
Douglas M. Boyle, CPA, MBA

Excellence for University Service and Leadership
Len Tischler, Ph.D.

Excellence in Integrating Mission and Justice into the Curriculum
Catherine Lovecchio, R.N., Ph.D.

Excellence in Adapting Classic Principles of Jesuit Pedagogy into the Curriculum: The Magis Award
Robert W. Shaffern, Ph.D.

Case Professor of the Year

Dr. Patricia Harrington of the Nursing Department was presented a certificate as our Case Professor of the Year 2011.

Dr. Anthony Ferzola of the Mathematics Department was named as our nominee for the Case Professor of the Year 2012.

Summer Grants

Dr. Teresa Conte

The Experiences of Loss and Grief between Novice and Experienced Pediatric Oncology Nurses: A Secondary Qualitative Data Analysis.

Dr. Carol Cote'

Visual and Haptic Exploration of Complex Forms: Developmental and Ability Differences.

Dr. Josephine Dunn

Vincent Russoniello (1890-1980): Scranton Architect

Dr. Nathan Lefler

Sacred Writing and Act of Reading

Dr. Susan Mendez

Writing the City: Recovering the Latino/a Author of Philadelphia

Dr. Yamile Silva

Between the Devil and the Inquisition: Narratives of Power in Witchcraft Trials

Dr. Daniel Townsend

Recovery of Northern Forest From Overbrowsing by White-Tailed Deer: an 18-year Experimental Study

Clavius Awards

Dr. Matthew Meyer

Love and Laughter

Dr. Bryan Burnham
Professor Krsiten Yarmey

A Terrible Blessing/A Magnificent Curser

FELLOWSHIPS and SCHOLARSHIPS:

Goldwater Scholarship:

Bradley Wierbowski, a third-year BCMB and English major has been named a Goldwater Scholar. Bradley is one of 282 students selected nationally. He is one of three students selected from Jesuit schools.

On a related note, Bradley was awarded the Nelson James Junior Scholarship (\$3,000) at the National Sigma Tau Delta Conference in New Orleans last month; Bradley also received an award for his application essay.

A special thanks and congratulations to Dr. Mary Engel, Director of Fellowships and Scholarships, Dr. Timothy Foley, Goldwater Advisor, and the students' recommenders, for a great job in supporting all our candidates.

FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS:

This year we have a total of seven Fulbright finalists. As of this writing, we have received notice on the disposition of three of our finalists and we are anticipating the results for the remaining four finalists in the next month.

Join me in congratulating Ellen Coyne, a fourth year Elementary Education/Early Childhood Education major, who has been awarded a Fulbright Teaching Assistantship to South Korea.

A special thanks to Dr. Susan Trussler, Director of Fulbright Scholarships, and the students' recommenders, for a great job in supporting all our candidates

ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF STUDENT SCHOLARS:

The 12th Annual Celebration of Student Scholars is scheduled for Tuesday, May 1, 2012 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm in The DeNaples Ballroom. All faculty are encouraged to direct students who are engaged in research, development of a creative product, or other scholarly activity to participate. Information is available from the ORSP.

FACULTY BOOK DISCUSSION AND DINNER:

The Faculty Book Discussion and Dinner will be held on May 9, 2012 at 5:30 pm in The DeNaples Center Room 406. The book to be discussed is *The Eternal Life of Henrietta Laks*, by Rebecca Skloot. Please contact Linda Walsh at x7520 to get a copy of the book and make a reservation.

CHAIRPERSON ELECTIONS:

The following Departments elected a new chairperson:

Dr. Matthew Reavy	Communication
Dr. Roy Domenico	History
Dr. Anthony Ferzola	Mathematics
Dr. Linda Ledford-Miller	World Languages & Cultures
Dr. Lee Ann Eschbach	Counseling and Human Services
Dr. Patricia Harrington	Nursing
Dr. John Sanko	Occupational Therapy/Physical Therapy

CURRICULUM APPROVALS:

New Course	Date Posted
ESPC 508: Intro to Autism & Applied Behavior Analysis	11/30/11
ESPC 510: Intro to Early Childhood Special Education	11/30/11
ESPC 530: Intro to Assistive Technology in the Classroom	11/30/11
ENTL 184X: Imagining College	3/5/12
ENTL 180: Dystopian Visions	3/5/12
INTD 100: Energy and Society	3/5/12
INTD 181: Making Meaning of 9/11	3/5/12
T/RS 121X: The Bible: Sacred Story and Meaning	3/5/12
PHIL 120X: Wellness, Wholeness and Care for the Self	3/6/12
PHIL 120X: Search of Wonder	3/6/12
PHIL 120X: Faith and Reason	3/6/12
PHIL 120X: Thinking the City	3/6/12
PHIL 120X: Into to Philosophical Pursuit of Happiness	3/6/12
INTD 184: Ignatian Citizenship and Contemporary American Politics	3/6/12
PHIL 120X: Preparing for Democratic Citizenship	3/6/12
PHIL 318: Sex, Love and God: Augustine and His Philosophy	11/28/11
PSYC 232: Psychology of Language	11/28/11
Science and the Society	3/5/12
PHIL 120X: Wellness & Food	3/23/12
EDUC 452: Planning in Middle Level Student Teaching	1/27/12
EDUC 453: Instruction in Middle Level Student Teaching	1/27/12
EDUC 454: Managing Classroom in Middle Level Student Teaching	1/27/12
EDUC 455: Professional Growth in Middle Level Student Teaching	1/27/12
ENLT 126X: Introduction to Irish Culture	3/19/12
ENLT 142X: Latest & Greatest: Prize Winning Fiction, Poetry & Theatre	3/19/12
ARTH 111X: Art, Time and Place	3/15/12
ARTH 310: Heaven, Hell, Apocalypse	2/24/12
ENTL 124: The Art of Fiction	2/16/12
ENTL 265J: The American Literary Experience	10/14/11
CHS 360: Individual Assessment	9/20/11
ECUI 526: Field Experience II	11/30/11
EDUC 280: Field Experience II	11/30/11
EDUC 456: Planning in PreK-4 Student Teaching	2/1/12
EDUC 457: Instruction in PreK-4 Student Teaching	2/1/12
EDUC 458: Managing Classrooms in PreK-4 Student Teaching	2/1/12
EDUC 459: Professional Growth in PreK-4 Student Teaching	2/1/12

Delete Course

COUN 599: Advanced Counseling Internship 1/27/12

Program Change

Computer Engineering-Math Course Sequence 12/6/11

SJLA Honors Program Revisions 2/16/12

Course Change

Early & Primary Grad Teacher Education Program 2/15/12

ENGR 252: Photonic & Power Solid State Devices 12/06/11

ESPC 516: Special Education Assessment Program 11/30/11

ESPC 531: Curriculum for Low Incidence Disabilities 11/30/11

ESPC 536: Evidence Based Practices for Student with Disabilities Gr. K-8 11/30/11

NURS 510: Advanced Pathophysiology 2/15/12

NURS 517: Pharmacology and Nurse Administered Anesthesia II 2/15/12

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EXSC 229: Applied Anatomy & Kinesiology 2/24/12

EXSC 360: Essentials of Strength Training/Conditioning 2/24/12

EVENTS:**College of Arts and Sciences and the Provost****Ignatian Values in Action Lecture**

We now have a date and time for the first annual Ignatian Values in Action Lecture. It will be September 17, 2012 at 7 p.m. Father Greg Boyle, S.J., recipient of the University's Arrupe Award this past spring, will give the inaugural address. Father Greg's book, *Tattoos on the Heart*, will be this fall's First-Year Read.