

TO: Faculty Senate

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

DATE: September 6, 2013

RE: Academic Affairs Report for September 2013

1. FACULTY HIRING:

We hired 18 new faculty members and made 26 non-tenure track re-appointments for 2013-2014. There is 1 tenure tract associate professor, 10 tenure track assistant professors, 4 lecturers, 25 faculty specialists, 1 visiting associate professor, and 3 visiting assistant professors for a total of 44. (cf. **Appendix I**).

The new faculty orientation session conducted on August 22nd covered issues on classroom management, syllabi and assessment, support services that are available for students and faculty, and our Ignatian identity. There were also CTLE sessions regarding the mentor-mentee programs and the resources provided by the CTLE and the library.

2. FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS AND VISITING FACULTY: We have two visiting scholars and three Fulbright foreign language teaching assistants.

Incoming faculty for Chinese, through arrangement with the Taiwan Ministry of Education and the University:

- ♦ Daphne Chu, BA in Elementary Education, National Tainan University; BA in Foreign Language and Literature, National Cheng Kung University, also Taiwan
- ♦ Allison Lai of Taiwan, B.A. Chinese Literature, National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan; M.A. Teaching Chinese as a second language, National Kaohsiung Normal University, also Taiwan

The Fulbright foreign language teaching assistances are taking courses and teaching their native languages:

- ♦ Yasmie Elsis from Egypt
- ♦ Teresa Hernández López from Spain
- ♦ Charlotte Jade from France

3. CHAIRPERSON LIST:

A retreat for department chairs held on August 21st included a presentation by Mr. Steinmetz, on the University's current and future financial situation, an update on enrollment, followed by a breakout session where enrollment, department leadership, and assessment were the topics. After reports from each group on their breakout session the chairs had a working lunch with the deans. For a list of the Chairpersons for 2013-2014 (cf. **Appendix II**)

4. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS UPDATES:

Book Read and Dinner

The discussion/dinner will be held on Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at 6:00 pm in the DeNaples Center Room 405. The event will begin with cocktails at 6:00 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm, followed by the book discussion. The book that has been chosen for this year's discussion is *Not for Profit-Why Democracy Needs the Humanities*, by Martha Nussbaum.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Linda Walsh at ext#7520 or email linda.walsh@scranton.edu. The deadline to respond is October 15, 2013. If you need a copy of the book, I will have them available by Tuesday, September 10th.

Rankings

For the 12th consecutive year, The Princeton Review named The University of Scranton among the elite schools in the nation profiled in "The Best 378 Colleges," which became available on Aug. 6. The 2014 edition of the college guidebook profiles just 15 percent of America's 2,500 four-year colleges and universities.

In addition to Princeton Review's "Best 378 Colleges" selection, two rankings published in July recognized the University among America's and Pennsylvania's best values in higher education based on student outcomes. Forbes magazine's online listing of "America's Best Colleges," compiled by The Center for College Affordability and Productivity, ranked the University No. 290 in the nation based on data about student outcomes, or the "return on investment." The University also ranked No. 27 among just 81 colleges in Pennsylvania recognized by AffordableCollegesOnline.org (AC Online) as providing the greatest lifetime return on investment. U.S. News & World Report has also ranked Scranton among the top 10 Best Regional Universities in the North for 19 consecutive years.

5. PROVOST EVENTS AND DEADLINES:

Intersession Grants Proposals:

The deadline for submission of Intersession Grant Proposals is October 7, 2013.

Rank and Tenure:

The timeline for application for rank or tenure was distributed the first week of school and is available on the Provost's website. The deadline for faculty members to inform my office of her or his intent to apply is Friday, September 27th and dossiers are due on Friday, November 1st. A public meeting designed to inform faculty of the rank and tenure policies and procedures will be held on Thursday, September 17th at noon in the Provost's Conference Room.

Brown Bag Lunches:

Brown Bag Lunches have been scheduled for October 24, November 19, February 25, March 25, and May 8. They are scheduled from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in the Provost Conference. A light lunch is provided. My office sends out a notice to full-time faculty announcing the topic of each luncheon and a reminder of the date. Suggestions for topics are welcome.

6. FACULTY DEVELOPMENT:

Faculty Grants:

During the 2012-2013 academic year the following grants were awarded to our faculty: Five Intersession Grants; Seven Summer Grants; Two Clavius Grants; and Five University of Scranton/Marywood Cooperative Grants

Faculty Travel:

Faculty Travel funds supported 151 faculty traveling to 223 conferences in 2012-2013.

Sabbaticals:

The following faculty will be taking sabbaticals during the 2013-2014 academic year:

Fall 2013

Brian Carpenter
Jones DeRitter
Kathleen Dwyer
Debra Fetherman
John Levko
Catherine Lovecchio
Kevin Nordberg
William Parente

Spring 2014

David Friedrichs
Robyn Lawrence
Hong Nguyen
Lee Penyak
Maria Squire
Kimberly Subasic
Jennifer Vasquez
Argyrios Varonides
Patricia Wright

Academic Year 2013-2014

Rebecca Beal
Marzia Caporale
Mary Jane DiMattio
Meghan Rich

January – July 2013

Michael Knies

Calendar Year 2013

Michael Allison

7. ENROLLMENT

Enrollment for the class of 2017 is at 889.

8. RESEARCH SERVICES:

Eight Summer Presidential Scholarships were awarded for summer 2013.

- Dustin Frisbie (Declan Mulhall) – *Determining the Spectral Statistics of Randomly Interacting Nuclear Bosons*
- Emily Harasym (George Gomez) – *The Effects of Retinoic Acid on Neuroblastoma Growth and Differentiation*
- Scott Holdren (David Rusak) – *Trace Elemental Analysis of Human Hair*
- Paul Pearson (Argyrios C. Varonides) – *Higher efficiency AIAs/GaInP/GaAs p-i-n solar cells, via Tuned GaAs-Ge multi-layers embedded in the intrinsic region: A paradigm for quantum photovoltaics*
- Michael Sayad (John Deak) – *The Effectiveness of Cyclomethicones as Chemical Permeation Enhancers for Transdermal Drug Delivery*
- Martha Triano (Jessica Nolan) – *Heuristics and Social Norms: A Potential Interaction in Recycling Behavior*
- Alexander Barbolish (Kathryn Meier) – *Jubal Early Biography*

- Stephen Gadowski (Paul Cutrufello) – *An Evaluation of Muscle Imbalance and the Presence of Upper and Lower Crossed Syndromes in Powerlifters*

♦ For list of ORSP committees and meeting dates see (cf. **Appendix III**)

9. INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES:

International Student and Scholar Services

- In fall 2012, 126 students from 17 different countries including 25 in the exchange program studied at the University. Spring 2013 numbers are similar – 118 students including 26 exchange students. These numbers include the seven Irish scholars in the Redington Scholars Program.
- In fall 2013, 39 new international students arrived on campus, including 23 international exchange students.
- A new ISSS website was developed by staff and students and launched in spring 2013.

Study Abroad

- In 2012-13, 192 UofS students studied abroad. Of these, 90 participated in UofS Faculty-Led Study Abroad courses (FLSA). Of the 102 remaining students 15 studied abroad in fall 12, 51 in spring 13, and 2 for the entire academic year; 21 students studied abroad in January 2013 and 13 students did so in Summer 2013.
- The University ran 10 FLSA “projects” (12 individual courses but two of the FLSA projects included cross listed courses) to 7 different countries.
- 17 University students are studying abroad in fall 2014. There are 3 Faculty-Led Study Abroad (FLSA) courses scheduled for January 2014 and 2 FLSA “projects” currently scheduled for summer 2014 although that number is expected to increase.
- In 2013-14 SA will be moving forward with a number of projects to enhance the program, including an outreach program to academic departments intended to integrate SA options with program curriculum.
- A new Study Abroad Advisory Committee will begin its activity in fall 2013. Faculty representatives are: Dr. Jamie Trnka, Dr. Abhijit Roy and Dr. Elizabeth Jacob.

Internationalization

- A new committee to examine “internationalizing “ the University will begin its work on this project in fall 2013. Faculty representatives are: Dr. Ann Pang-White, Dr. Linda Ledford-Miller, Dr. Daniel West and Dr. Susan Trussler.

10. Conference Committee on Curriculum:

Proposal Reviews

- The CCC reviewed 37 proposals, including a set of proposals to address the new first-year seminar program. In summer the CCC also reviewed 2 proposals for the new Eloquencia Perfecta core course options (introductory level)
- Assessment
- A concept plan for learning outcomes assessment of core curriculum/general education was provided to the Faculty Senate for comment and discussion.
- The CCC will examine processes for integrating course learning outcomes assessment into the core. It will report its recommendations to the Faculty Senate in late fall 13 or early spring 14.

11. SUSTAINABILITY:

Sustainability Task Force Workshop:

In May 2013, the ninth sustainability workshop was conducted with seven faculty participating. The purpose of the workshop is to enhance teaching and engagement with sustainability issues by infusing sustainability into the curriculum at the University of Scranton. To date, eighty faculty have participated in the workshop across many disciplines.

12. EDUCATION FOR JUSTICE: The 2013-14 Annual Theme is Sustainable Memory:

More and more “sustainability” is moving from being recognized as an environmental practice to being thought of as an overarching mindset – what does it mean to approach all aspects of our lives and work in a sustainable manner? It is with this question in mind that Education for Justice will explore the concept of Sustainable Memory this year.

13. SENIOR FELLOW FOR INTERNATIONAL, CULTURAL, AND CIVIC PROJECTS:

Interdependence Day

It continues on the home front with a community celebration at the Scranton Cultural Center on September 12th and a large array of programs on college campuses, in civic, cultural and religious organizations.

On September 13th the Equity and Diversity Sondra Myers, Senior Fellow for International, Cultural and Civic Projects will present *Interdependence Day: The Human Connection*. Dr. Paul Porter, Director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs and Dr. John Sanko, Associate Professor in our Physical Therapy Department will present *Toward a Permanent Convergence: A Critical Race Theory Approach to Interdependence* and *The Human Connection Through Service* respectively.

The Schemel Forum

The Semester begins on September 21st with University for a Day, with four lectures on the subject of freedom and justice. The title: Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

In collaboration with the Royal Theatre, we will present “Speaking of Broadway: A Conversation between playwright/screenwriter Douglas Carter Beane and Paul Holdengraber, founder/director of LIVE and director of public programs at the New York Public Library on November 7.

President Kevin P. Quinn, SJ, will deliver a lecture for the Schemel Forum titled “Engaged, Integrated, Global: Jesuit Education in the 21st Century, on November 14, 2013.

With Community and Legislative Affairs Director, Julie Schumacher Cohen, I will co-moderate a roundtable discussion on Terrorism: A Global Phenomenon—A Local Concern on December 9, 2013.

Michael Greenberger, Law School Professor and Director of the Center for Health and Homeland Security, University of Maryland will serve as resource person for the discussion.

14. PERFORMANCE MUSIC:

In addition to the regular weekly ensembles rehearsal schedule, student coaching, and dress rehearsals of student ensembles, as well as operational/administrative tasks of the department, the following special programs and performances were offered by the Performance Music department from September 7, 2013 through January 5, 2014

- **The New York Trumpet Ensemble** – September 7th
- **In Recital** – Gregory Zelek, organist – September 21st
- **In Recital** – University of Scranton Performance Music Student – October 2nd
- **Pre-Concert Music-Talk** – Loren Schoenberg, Artistic Director, National Jazz Museum in Harlem – October 19th
- **In Concert** – Wycliffe Gordon, trombonist with The University of Scranton Jazz Band – October 19th
- **Halloween Concert** – The University of Scranton Jazz Band with surprise guests – October 30th
- **In Recital** - Andrew Gonzalez, viola and Christine Wu, piano – November 9th
- **In Concert** – The University of Scranton String Orchestra – November 15th
- **In Concert** – The University of Scranton Concert Band – November 24th
- **44th Annual Noel Night** – The University of Scranton Singers, Chamber Choir, and String Ensemble with guest harpist Andre Tarantiles – December 7th
- **Empty Stocking Fund Benefit Concert** – The Scranton Brass Orchestra – December 15th
- **In Concert** – The Scranton Brass Orchestra, Cheryl Boga and Mark Gould, conductors – January 5th.

2013-2014 New Faculty

Name	Rank	Department
Michael Azar	Assistant	Theology/Religious Studies
Jessica Bachman	Assistant	Exercise Science & Sport
Arthur Catino	Assistant	Chemistry
Julie Cerrito	Assistant	Counseling & Human Services
Christopher Dunbar	Faculty Specialist	Occupational Therapy
Robert Giambatista	Associate	Management/Marketing
Zachary Huard	Visiting Assistant Professor	Physics/EE
Michael Jenkins	Assistant	Sociology/Criminal Justice
Mary Kovalski	Faculty Specialist	Nursing
Erica Lasek-Nesselquist	Assistant	Biology
Yibai Li	Assistant	Operations & Information Management
Lori Magnuson	Assistant	Counseling & Human Services
Patrick Orr	Visiting Assistant Professor	Psychology
Adam Pratt	Visiting Assistant Professor	History
Mary Elaine Southard	Faculty Specialist	Nursing
Benjamin Willis	Assistant	Counseling & Human Services
Melissa Wright	Faculty Specialist	Accounting
Dawei Zhang	Assistant	Operations & Information Management

Appendix II**DEPARTMENTAL CHAIRPERSONS 2013-2014**

COLLEGE	DEPARTMENT	CHAIR	DATE OF ELECTION
CAS	Biology	Dr. Janice Voltzow	2011
CAS	Chemistry	Dr. Joan Wasilewski	2013
CAS	Communication	Dr. Matthew Reavy	2012
CAS	Computing Science	Prof. Richard Plishka	2011
CAS	English & Theatre	Dr. W. Jones DeRitter Dr. Susan Mendez (Acting Chair Fall 2013)	2011
CAS	History	Dr. Roy Domenico	2012
CAS	LA/WS	Dr. Sharon Meagher	2011
CAS	Mathematics	Dr. Anthony Ferzola	2012
CAS	Philosophy	Dr. Patrick Tully	2013
CAS	Physics/EE	Dr. Christine Zakzewski	2011
CAS	Political Science	Dr. Jean Harris	2011
CAS	Psychology	Dr. James Buchanan	2011
CAS	ROTC Military Science)	LTC. Ryan D. Remley Appointed	2010
CAS	Sociology/Criminal Justice	Dr. Harry Dammer	2013
CAS	Theology/Religious Studies	Dr. Charles Pinches	2011
CAS	World Languages & Cultures	Dr. Linda Ledford-Miller	2012
CPS	Counseling and Human Services	Dr. Lee Ann Eschbach	2012
CPS	Education	Dr. Gloria Wenze	2013
CPS	Exercise Science and Sports	Prof. David Hair	2013
CPS	HA/HR	Dr. Daniel West	2013

CPS	Nursing	Dr. Patricia Harrington	2012
CPS	Occupational Therapy	Dr. John Sanko	2012
CPS	Physical Therapy	Dr. John Sanko	2012
KSOM	Accounting	Dr. Daniel Mahoney	2013
KSOM	Economics/Finance	Dr. Iordanis Petsas	2011
KSOM	Management/Marketing	Dr. Delia Sumrall	2011
KSOM	OIM	Dr. Nabil Tamimi	2013
	Library	Prof. Betsey	2011

Office of Research and Sponsored Programs

- **Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee (IACUC)**

Gary Kwiecinski, Ph.D., Chair	Biology
Stefanie Colarusso **	Everhart Museum of National History
Timothy Foley, Ph.D.	Chemistry
Robert Noto, DVM	Veterinarian
Nezka Pfeiffer *	Everhart Museum of National History
Charles Pinches, Ph.D.	Theology
Marc Seid, Ph.D.	Biology
Robert Waldeck, Ph.D.	Biology
Christine Zakzewski, Ph.D.	Physics
Michael Baltrusaitis ***	Cocciardi & Associates
Tabbi Miller-Scandle, Ph.D. ***	Director of Research and Sponsored Programs

* Community representative **Community representative (alternate) ***Non-voting

IAACU Meeting Schedule

Thursday, September 12, 2013
 Thursday, October 10, 2013
 Thursday, November 14, 2013
 Thursday, December 12, 2013
 Thursday, February 13, 2014
 Thursday, March 13, 2014
 Thursday, April 10, 2014
 Thursday, May 8, 2014

Meetings begin at 11:30

IMBM Building – Room 204
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- **Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC)**

Michael Sulzinski, Ph.D., Chair	Biology Department
John Arnott, Ph.D.	The Commonwealth Medical College
Matthew Balmer *	Director – Quality Control – Sanofi Pasteur
Michael Baltrusaitis	Public Safety – Cocciardi & Associates
Paul Cutrufello, Ph.D.	Exercise Science Department
Joseph Dreisbach, Ph.D.	Associate Provost and Director of Research
Tabbi Miller-Scandle, Ph.D.	Director of Research and Sponsored Programs
Albert J. Thomas *	Senior Director and General Manager, VAXServe
Joan Wasilewski, Ph.D.	Chemistry Department
Eloise Libassi **	Sponsored Programs Coordinator, ORSP

***Ex officio, Non-voting*

**External Representative*

IBC Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, September 24, 2013
 Tuesday, October 22, 2013
 Tuesday, November 26, 2013
 Tuesday, December 24, 2013
 Tuesday, February 25, 2014
 Tuesday, March 25, 2014

All meetings begin at 11:30 a.m.

IMBM Conference Room 204
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Tuesday, April 22, 2014
Tuesday, May 27, 2014

IMBM Conference Room 204
IMBM Conference Room 204

- **Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects (IRB)**

Margarete Zalon, Ph.D., Chair	Nursing
Jeanne A. Bovard *	Community Representative
Scott Breloff, Ph.D.	Exercise Science
Bryan Burnham, Ph.D.	Psychology
Irene Goll, Ph.D.	Management and Marketing
Jordan Knically ***	Institutional Assessment
Vanessa A. Talarico, Ed.D.	Education
Patrick Tully, Ph.D.	Philosophy
Therese Kurilla ***	Grants Manager
Tabbi Miller-Scandle, Ph.D.	Director of Research and Sponsored Programs

***Non-voting *Community representative

IRB Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, September 17, 2013
Tuesday, October 22, 2013
Tuesday, November 19, 2013
Tuesday, December 17, 2013
Tuesday, February 18, 2014
Tuesday, March 18, 2014
Tuesday, April 15, 2014
Tuesday, May 20, 2014

All meetings begin at 11:30 a.m.

Casey Conference Room (BRN 502)
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BRN 314

- **Faculty Research Committee (FRC)**

Joseph Dreisbach, Ph.D., Chair	Associate Provost & Director of Research
Michael Allison, Ph.D.	Political Science
Carol Cote', Ph.D.	Occupational Therapy
Renee Hakim, Ph.D.	Physical Therapy
Susan Poulson, Ph.D.	History
James Roberts, Ph.D.	Sociology/Criminal Justice & Criminology
Robert Smith, Ph.D.	Biology
Nabil Tamimi, Ph.D.	Operations Management
Jennifer Vasquez, Ph.D.	Mathematics
El-Habib Zanzana, Ph.D.	World Languages and Cultures
Eloise Libassi*	Sponsored Programs Coordinator (ORSP)
Therese Kurilla*	Grants Manager (ORSP)
Tabbi Miller-Scandle, Ph.D.*	Dir. of Research and Sponsored Programs

*Ex officio, non-voting

FRC Meeting Schedule

Thursday, September 19, 2013
Thursday, October 17, 2013
Thursday, November 21, 2013
Thursday, December 19, 2013
Thursday, February 20, 2014

All meetings begin at 11:30 a.m.

TDC 406
STT 115
BRN 502 (Casey Conference Room)
BRN 502 (Casey Conference Room)
TDC 406

Thursday, March 20, 2014
Thursday, April 17, 2014
Thursday, May 22, 2014

BRN 502 (Casey Conference Room)
BRN 502 (Casey Conference Room)
BRN 502 (Casey Conference Room)