

TO: Faculty Senate

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

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RE: Provost's Report for October 2011

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### **APOLOGY**

On Friday, I will be missing the Faculty Senate meeting. I will be meeting with representatives of the Taiwanese government to sign an agreement to establish The University of Scranton as the charter member of what is called the Taiwan Academy. This opportunity brings to our campus visiting professors of Mandarin and Chinese culture and various types of cultural activities and material (you may recall the Chinese opera last spring and the folk group this past September – examples of the government's interest the University). The real work on this partnership has been done by Ann Pang-White and the faculty of the Asian Studies program. This new program has already received state-wide recognition (see below) and I congratulate Ann and her team. Finally, I will happily return to the Senate in November.

### **FACULTY SEARCHES:**

A combined ad will be placed shortly in the Chronicle of Higher Education announcing nine tenure track faculty openings in seven departments. The listings are also been posted to the Provost's website.

### Faculty Recruiting with Employment On-Line

The management process for recruiting full-time and part-time faculty has been moved to the People Admin system, officially identified as Employment Online (EOL) in The University of Scranton Systems. Ms. Anne Marie Stamford, Assistant Provost for Operations, is the contact person in academic affairs. It is important to note that there are no changes to the protocols for faculty hiring which remain as described in the Faculty Handbook.

### **FACULTY HIRING:**

To date we have completed the first of our ten searches. Michael Ross, D.HSc. has been hired as an Assistant Professor in the Physical Therapy Department

### **FACULTY DEVELOPMENT:**

**Intersession Grant Proposals:** We have received thirteen Intersession Grant Proposals. The committee will be meeting shortly to discuss the proposals.

**Brown Bag Luncheon:** The first Brown Bag Luncheon of this academic year is scheduled for October 13th from 11:45 to 12:45 pm in the Provost Conference Room. The topic is “Curriculum: Free Electives”. Please contact my office to reserve a seat. A light lunch will be available.

**COMMITTEES:**

**Faculty Handbook:**

The Faculty Handbook Committee has finalized language on Hybrid Faculty/Staff Positions and continues its work on the promotion and tenure criteria for librarians.

**ASIAN STUDIES CONCENTRATION:**

The University of Scranton’s Asian Studies concentration, along with the Abington Heights School District, were selected to receive the Commonwealth’s 2011 “Bringing the World to Pennsylvania: K-16 Collaboration Award” for their innovative cooperation on Chinese language and cultural instruction.

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON CURRICULUM (CCC):**

During its September 2011 meeting, the committee reviewed the following courses:

Courses listed below are being offered as first-year seminars in fall 2011.

ENLT 184 x.1 Dystopian Visions	Approved for CL for fall 2011
ENLT 184 x.2 Imagining College	Approved for CL for fall 2011
ENLT 184 x.3 Introduction to Irish Culture	Approved for CL for fall 2011
THTR 184.1 Performance	Approved for CA for fall 2011
WRTG 107.1 Reading 9/11	Approved for basic writing for fall 2011

Courses listed below are offered regularly and newly approved for the designations indicated.

CNS 101-102 Introductory Chinese I and II	Approved for CF
CNS 211-212 Intermediate Chinese I and II	Approved for CF
CNS 311-312 Advanced Chinese I and II	Approved for CF and D

Courses listed below were submitted for alterations or additions to the approved designations.

GERM 317 Traveling Cultures

The committee agreed to replace the approved CF designation with CL.

ENLT 284 Women and War was previously approved for CL, the course was also approved for D and W.

**CURRICULUM APPROVALS:**

The following curriculum proposals were approved:

**Program Change**

Secondary Education Certification

Posted 4/13/11

**Course Change**

PHIL 227: Political Philosophy	Posted 3/2/11
FIN 361: Working Capital Management	Posted 5/9/11
COUN 590: Practicum Community Counseling	Posted 2/28/11
COMM 433: Television Criticism	Posted 3/2/11

**New Course**

T/RS 243: Christ & Qur'an	Posted 3/2/11
FIN 384: Fixed Income Securities & Markets	Posted 5/9/11
EADM 602: Superintendent Leadership & Best Practices in Special Education	Posted 2/25/11
ESLS 503: Introduction to the English Language Learner	Posted 4/13/11
PHIL 334: Hannah Arendt: Human Existence	Posted 2/28/11
ENLT 258: Contemporary American Fiction	Posted 2/28/11
COMM 101: Communication and Society	Posted 2/28/11

**Course Deletion**

EDUC 348: Integrated Method Elementary Math/Social Studies	Posted 11/23/11
EDUC 349: Integrated Method Elementary Language Arts/Social Studies	Posted 11/23/11

**Program Change**

PSYC – Switch Semester for 1 <sup>st</sup> yr GE	Posted 9/29/11
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**UPDATES:****CAS**

On Friday, October 21, the College of Arts and Sciences and the Academic Theatre Program will play host to one of the most celebrated playwrights working today. Sarah Ruhl, two-time Pulitzer Prize finalist and MacArthur Genius award winner, will be on campus for two special sessions: a Q & A with students at 5pm in CLP 104 and talk at 8pm in Brennan 228. Both events are free and the talk is open to the public.

This event precedes the University of Scranton Players' production of *The Clean House* which will open Friday, October 28. *The Clean House* was short-listed for the Pulitzer Prize in 2005 and won the Susan Smith-Blackburn prize.

**THE FRESHMEN SEMINAR AND CURRICULUM REVISION**

The deans and provost's office are actively working with the FSCC and the Senate's APC to develop and implement the Freshmen Seminar, and to develop an *eloquentia perfecta* program. There will be more public on this very soon.