

TO: Faculty Senate Report

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

DATE: April 6, 2018

RE: Provost's Report for April

1. Update on the 2019-20 Calendar Proposal Process

On March 22nd the University Governance Council received the proposed calendar for the 2019-20 academic year. This calendar proposal includes a traditional-length intersession and the traditional start dates for the fall and spring terms. Federal Financial Aid Compliance is maintained by incorporating all parts-of-term, including the six 8-week parts-of-term that are commonly used for most on-line programs, into the three standard terms: fall, spring and summer. Because the summer standard term is only 14 weeks in length, the two 8-week parts-of-term in summer overlap one another by two weeks. On behalf of my colleagues within the administration, I thank all who participated in vetting the calendar concept that was presented in fall 2017.

2. A Preview Day Follow-up and Note of Appreciation

To all who participated in the reformatted Preview Day on March 24th, thank you for your efforts to redesign the experience, and for attending the event. I realize this is not in your job description. But the fact that so many of our faculty engage in these events is a perfect reflection on the special culture of our campus, and the commitment of so many of our faculty and staff to the institution and its future. That culture exists because of your way-of-working and it would be a grave mistake to take that commitment for granted. I do not and I thank you for that commitment.

3. Update on Faculty Hiring:

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

Andrew Gregorowicz	Accounting
Bryan Crable	Biology
Oleksandr Rudniy	Computer Science
Mary Troy	Counseling and Human Services
Eleni Gousgouonis	Economics and Finance
Billie Tadros	English and Theatre
Christopher Gillett	History
Aiala Levy	History
Anthony Carusotto	Physical Therapy
Nicholas Rodio	Physical Therapy
Emily Hopkins	Psychology
Christopher Haw	Theology/RS
Ana Ugarte	World Languages and Cultures

4. Tenure and Promotion

Below is a list of faculty members who have been promoted and/or received tenure effective in fall 2018. Congratulations to all.

Promotion to Full Professor

Dr. Jennifer Vasquez	Mathematics
Dr. Shuhua Fan	History
Dr. Mary Jane DiMattio	Nursing
Dr. Patricia Wright	Nursing
Dr. Steven Szydlowski	HA/HR

Promotion to Associate Professor

Dr. Jessica Bachman	Exercise Science & Sport
Dr. Ann Feeney	Nursing
Dr. Joan Grossman	Exercise Science & Sport
Dr. Ben Willis	Counseling/HS
Dr. Michael Azar	Theology/RS
Dr. Teresa Grettano	English/Theatre

Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor

Dr. Michael Fennie	Chemistry
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Tenure

Dr. Robert Giambatista	Management/Marketing/Entrepreneurship
Dr. Jason Graham	Mathematics

5. Faculty Development

Provost Enhancement Awards: Six Excellence Awards were presented at the Faculty Appreciation Day Dinner held on April 6th. This year's recipients were:

- Dr. Bryan Burnham Excellence in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning
- Dr. Rita Fleming-Castaldy Excellence in Scholarly Publication
- Dr. David Dzurec Excellence in University Service and Leadership
- Dr. Steven Szydlowski Excellence in Advancing Global Learning
- Dr. Jessica Nolan Excellence in Integrating Sustainability into the Curriculum
- Dr. Renee Hakim
- Dr. Peter Leininger Excellence in Integrating Mission and Justice into the Curriculum
- Dr. Jennifer Schwartz

The Faculty Senate Excellence in Graduate Teaching Award was presented to:

- Dr. Kevin Wilkerson

6. Office of Research Services and Sponsored Programs

The following faculty and students have been awarded a President's Fellowship for Summer Research (2018)

- George Gomez/Kimberly Barr, 2018 President’s Fellowship for Summer Research Program: proposal titled, *The effects of nanomolar concentrations of retinoic acid on differentiation and migration of SK-N-SH neuroblastoma cells.*
- George Gomez/Marissa Galardi, 2018 President’s Fellowship for Summer Research Program: proposal title, *Control of Neuron Growth Using Synthetic Extracellular Matrix Molecules.*
- George Gomez/Madalyne Sunday, 2018 President’s Fellowship for Summer Research Program: proposal title, *The Effect of Glycoaminoglycans on Neuroblastoma Cells.*
- Jason Graham/Nicole Nardella, 2018 President’s Fellowship for Summer Research Program: proposal title, *Data-Driven Modeling of Complex Systems with Applications to Cardiac Physiology.*
- Marc Seid/Julia McKinney, 2018 President’s Fellowship for Summer Research Program: proposal title, *Neurochemical and Learning Effects of Sleep Deprivation in Ants.*
- Marc Seid/Michael Moran, 2018 President’s Fellowship for Summer Research Program: proposal title, *Self-Administration of Morphine in Bombus terrestris.*
- Kimberly Subasic/Natania Feliciano, 2018 President’s Fellowship for Summer Research Program: proposal title, *Spanish Translation of the Public Understanding of Genetics and Genomics (PUGGS) Questionnaire.*

7. Department Chairperson Elections

The results of the elections held for 8 department chairs are listed below:

Howard Fisher	Communication
David Dzurec	History
John Norcross	Psychology (AY 2018-2019)
Yamile Silva	World Cultures & Languages
Lori Bruch	Counseling & Human Services
Paul Cutrufello	Exercise Science
Carol Cote	Occupational Therapy
Douglas Boyle	Accounting

8. Curriculum Approvals

New Program

Cinema Studies Minor

Date Posted

12/21/17

Program Change

MHA Specialization Health Informatics

11/29/17

EXSC 110 to BS in Exercise Science

1/29/18

Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration

1/30/18

Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist

1/30/18

Coaching Minor to Concentration

1/30/18

Human Resources

1/12/18

Exercise Science Program

2/6/18

BS in Health Administration

1/12/18

Human Resources Studies

1/12/18

Biochemistry Pre-Professional Track Program	2/12/18
Political Science Cognate	2/15/18

New Course

T/RS 334: The Church & Contemporary Social Issues	9/11/17
BUS 150: Career and Professional Development	11/3/17
COMM 337: Magazine Feature Writing	9/22/17
NURS 775: Nurse Anesthesia Residency & DNP Scholarship II	1/12/18
NURS 765: Nurse Anesthesia Residency & DNP Scholarship I	1/12/18
NURS 778: Organizational & Systems Leadership for Nurse Anesthesia	1/12/18
NURS 785: Nurse Anesthesia Synthesis & Residency III	1/12/18
HADM 395: Global Health Care System	1/12/18
CHS 3238: CHS in P-12 Schools	10/12/17
ENLT 238: Imagining Native American	10/11/17
LIT 106: History of World Cinema	11/12/17
NURS 233: Genetics for the Healthcare Professional	10/21/18
COMM 235: Intro to Social Media Strategies	4/6/18
COMM 430: Adv. Business Communication Strategies	4/6/18
NURS 549L: Nurse Anesthesia Principles III	1/12/18
EXSC 110: Introduction to Kinesiology	1/29/18
PSYC 140: Current Topics in Psychological Studies	2/21/17

Course Change

NURS 593: Research Methodology	1/30/18
NURS 597: Systems Leadership in Advanced Practice Nursing	1/30/18
NURS 591: Issues in Advanced Practice Nursing	1/30/18
COA 160: Coaching Principles	1/30/18
PT 704L: Therapeutic Exercise in PT	1/30/18
PT 705L: Therapeutic Modalities in PT	1/30/18
OT 380: Level I Clinical I	2/6/18
OT 381: Level I Clinical II	2/6/18
OT 480: Level I Clinical III	2/6/18
ENTR 480: Entrepreneurial Capstone Bus Exp or Internship	9/22/17
HONR 387H: Honors in Context Seminar	2/1/18
HONR 487H: Honors in Capstone Seminar	2/1/18
HONR 187H: Honors Ideamaking Experience	2/1/18
PS 130: American National Government I	2/15/18
PS 131: American National Government II	2/15/18
PSYC 235: Conditioning and Learning	2/15/18
PSYC 325: Abnormal Child Psychology	2/15/18
PSYC 480: Field Experience in Clinical Setting	2/15/18
COMM 435: Social Media Campaigns	11/21/18

9. Career Development:

The Center for Career Development hosted the Spring 2018 Career Expo on Friday, April 6th. One hundred and six organization came to campus to recruit our students for internships, employment, service or graduate programs.

10. Office of Equity and Diversity

The University of Scranton was among just 39 colleges and universities in Pennsylvania to be awarded 2018 “It’s On Us PA” grants to fund campus initiatives to combat sexual assault. The grants support

programs ranging from campus-wide training for students, faculty and staff to institutional campaigns to raise awareness and understanding of the reporting process and resources available to and rights of survivors of sexual violence.

The University received \$30,000 to fund educational programming and training initiatives, which will be directed by the University's Office of Equity and Diversity. The grant will support training for staff members in departments that work directly with potential victims of sexual misconduct, such as the University's student health services, counseling center and University Police. The grant will also fund initiatives to provide better access for students, faculty and staff to resources concerning sexual harassment and sexual misconduct, as well as support for guest lecturers, workshops and educational materials, some of which will focus on bystander engagement.

11. College Updates:

College of Arts and Sciences

- University of Scranton psychology professor Danielle Arigo, Ph.D., was awarded a competitive National Institute of Health (NIH) grant for research to identify influences on physical activity that are unique to midlife women. The five-year, \$800,000 grant is a K23 Award, which is a career development award for patient-oriented research. She is the first Scranton professor to receive this type of NIH grant. The award supports training and mentored research experiences for junior researchers with promise to develop as independent investigators.
- The National Science Foundation has awarded Dr. Voltzow, Dr. S. Muir, Dean Conniff, Dr. Mulhall, and Dr. Karpiak \$645,814 for support of their "Transforming STEM in Northeastern Pennsylvania" project. The award starts April 1, 2018 and ends March 31, 2023.

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.