

TO: Faculty Senate

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SUBJECT: Academic Affairs Report for November 2022

1. Faculty Development

Faculty Internal Research Funding

The Faculty Research Committee will meet to review the 11 proposals on November 17th.

Intersession Grants

The Faculty Development Committee reviewed applications and awarded four grants to the following faculty.

Gerard Dumancas, Ph.D. *A facile, convenient, and affordable method to determine the authenticity of liquid chicken egg whites*

Christopher Hauser, Ph.D. *Aristotle's Epistemology of Essence*

Adam Pratt, Ph.D. *The Noble and Indefatigable Auxiliary of the Republican Party: The Wide-Awake in Pennsylvania*

Brian Snee, Ph.D. *The Scene of the Crime: Rhetorical Silences in Fetterman's Gun Violence*

Sabbatical Applications

Twenty faculty have applied for sabbaticals for next year. The applications are currently being reviewed.

2. Faculty Searches

We are currently conducting searches for ten tenure track faculty, three open rank faculty positions, and one faculty specialist. The listings are posted on the Provost's website <http://matrix.scranton.edu/academics/provost/newfacpos.shtml>

3. CTLE Updates

The figures in the charts below are through week 9 of the Fall 2022 semester

Peer Tutor Requests by Class - through week 9 of the Fall 2022 semester

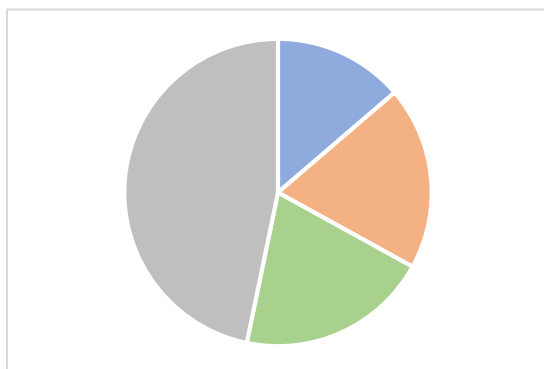
	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Most Requested
Freshmen 54.7% of requests	462 requests	468 requests	727 requests	BIOL: 251 CHEM: 186 Math: 103

Sophomores 22.1% of requests	231 requests	312 requests	294 requests	Math: 62 CHEM: 48 OT: 31
Juniors 16.1% of requests	209 requests	240 requests	214 requests	NURS: 50 CHEM: 26 PHYS: 25
Seniors 7.1% of requests	81 requests	101 requests	94 requests	NURS: 17 CHEM: 15 MATH: 10
TOTALS	989 requests	1147 requests	1330 requests	BIOL: 289 CHEM: 275 MATH: 195

Number of Distinct Students Requesting Tutoring

	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	
Freshmen	291	252	390	29.6% of all freshmen
Sophomores	140	187	174	23.6% of all sophomores
Juniors	122	141	132	18.5% of all juniors
Seniors	43	69	69	8.1% of all seniors
Total	596 16.3%	649 18.6%	765	21.1% of all undergraduates

The Big Three



MATH (14.7% of all tutoring)
CHEM (20.7% of all tutoring)
BIOL (21.7% of all tutoring)

Make up **57.1% of all tutoring requests**. This is way up from last percentage of 50.1%

	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	
Freshmen	72	103	
Sophomores	66	62	
Juniors	8	20	
Seniors	8	10	
Totals	154	195	26.6% ↑

CHEM	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	
Freshmen	138	186	
Sophomores	45	48	
Juniors	35	26	
Seniors	10	15	
Totals	228	275	20.6% ↑

BIOL	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	
Freshmen	146	251	
Sophomores	22	19	
Juniors	12	11	
Seniors	13	8	
Totals	193	289	49.7% ↑

Number of Students Visiting the Writing Center

Visitors	Fall 2020`	Fall 2021	Fall 2022
Freshmen 39.7%	109	68	76
Sophomores 18.2%	48	26	35
Juniors 22.9%	44	46	44
Seniors 10.9%	33	27	21
Grads 8.3%	38	18	16
TOTALS	272	185	192

Number of Consultations Held in the Writing Center

Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Subjects generating the most consultations
445	351	394	WRTG: 108 (27.4%) ENLT: 37 (9.4%) NURS: 30 (7.6%) PHIL: 30 (7.6%) T/RS 22 (5.6%)

4. Graduate Programs Council

The Graduate Program Council (GPC) held its first meeting of the academic year on October 7th. Ms. Zottola, VP for Enrollment Management gave an update on graduate admissions and enrollment. The strengths and weakness of graduate education were discussed, as well as strategies to move forward. The council discussed how we can make our graduate students feel the sense of community our undergraduate students feel.

The GPC decided to form a smaller working group that will report their recommendations to the GPC.

Graduate student services and possible new programs were also discussed.

5. Curriculum Updates

New Course	Date Posted
COUN 555: Introduction to Neurocounseling	5/11/22
PT 715: Orthopedic PT III	10/4/22
PT 715L: Orthopedic PT III Lab	10/4/22
MGT 410: Sustainability Management	10/5/22
Course Change	
NURS 250L: Physical Health Lab	5/11/22
NURS 250: Physical Health	5/11/22
PT 714: Orthopedic PT II	10/4/22
PT 714L: Orthopedic PT II Lab	10/4/22
BIOL 342: Comparative Biomechanics	10/7/22
OT 242: Health & Wellbeing	10/24/22
Program Change	
DPT Program	5/11/22
OT 340: Promoting Health and Well-Being	10/24/22

6. Provost's Academic Priorities Updates

- The *Laudato Si'* working group has been finalized and will have its first meeting this month. The group will meet with increased frequency over the Spring in order to develop the action plan.
- Retention
 - Development of mentoring plan for Opening Doors Scholars that will be piloted as a model for first generation students as a whole
 - Focus on high-risk populations: first generation, historically underrepresented, and CAS undecided
 - Nontraditional students working group update
 - Exploring the creation of a FYE semester within Passport/Tapestry for all first-year students

Academic Town Hall, Friday, February 3, 3:15-4:15 with reception following
Faculty Development for the Spring: DEI and Mental Health

7. Other Updates

- The University of Scranton's 36th Henry George Lecture was held on November 8th. Parag Pathak, Ph.D. presented "Still Worth the Trip? Modern-Era Busing and other Lessons from Urban School Reform".

- On November 17th at 7:00 pm in The DeNaples Center Ballroom the “Scranton’s Story, Our Nation’s Story” project will host a special event “Forced Removal of the Lenape People: History and Homecoming” a keynote talk with Curtis Zunigha. He is an enrolled member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians in Oklahoma and co-director and co-founder of the Lenape Center in New York.
- The Math Department hosted Linda McGuire of Muhlenberg College, who presented “Collaborating for Change: Promoting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Mathematics Departments.”
- The Hope Horn Gallery welcomed students from the STARS Program (Students Together Achieving Remarkable Success) to the “Mayan Narratives: San Lucas Tolimán, Guatemala” exhibit which runs through November 18th. The STARS Program is designed to support the academic success and career exploration of local Latinx youth.
- Business Leadership Program students have adopted a comprehensive set of projects involving branding, new revenue opportunities, and program replication for Homeboy Industries as part of their Business Leadership Consulting Theory and Practice course. Students will consult on a range of potential opportunities, including community and youth program outreach, grant and donor relation development and possible marketing and expansion of educational programming.
- ALLONE Charities has awarded a \$25,000 grant to the University to support free physical therapy services offered by DPT students to vulnerable population in the region. The grant will support the equipment and supplies, translation services and transportation needed for DPT students to conduct faculty-supervised physical therapy and health education clinics for the uninsured and underinsured member of our community.