

TO: Faculty Senate

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

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RE: Provost's Report for December, 2016

Faculty Research Committee

The Faculty Research Committee, Department Chair, and Dean have approved sabbaticals the 2017-2018 Academic Year.

Fall 2017

Benjamin Bishop, *Computing Science*
Timothy Casey, *Philosophy*
Rita Castaldy Fleming, *Occupational Therapy*
Brigid Frein, *Theology*
Satyajit Ghosh, *Economics/Finance*
Linda Ledford Miller, *World Languages & Cultures*
Iordanis Petsas, *Economics/Finance*
Susan Poulson, *History*
Christine Zakzewski, *Physics/EE*

Spring 2018

Danielle Arigo, *Psychology*
Yaodong Bi, *Computing Science*
Karen Brady, *Occupational Therapy*
Rebecca Dalgin, *Counseling & Human Services*
Paul Datti, *Counseling & Human Services*
Anthony Ferzola, *Mathematics*
Daniel Mahoney, *Accounting*
Stacy Smulowitz, *Communication*
El-Habib Zanzana, *World Languages*

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Christine Karpiak, *Psychology*
Joseph Kraus, *English & Theatre*
Tata Mbugua, *Education*
Kenneth Monk, *Mathematics*
Jerry Muir, *Mathematics*
Stacey Muir, *Mathematics*
Marc Seid, *Biology*

Faculty Development Board:

The Faculty Development Board has awarded Intersession grants to five faculty.

Dr. George Gomez Biology	<i>Quantitative Immunocytochemistry: Standardization of protein quantification and generation of calibration systems</i>
Dr. Ismail Onat	<i>Developing a Crime Analysis Minor for the Sociology/Criminal</i>

Sociology/Criminal Justice *Justice/Criminology Department*

Dr. Aiala Levy
History *Making the Metropolis: Theaters and the Urban Public in Sao Paulo, Brazil, 1854-1924*

Dr. Jordan Ruybal
Biology *Variation in transmission potential for Zika, dengue, chikungunya, and yellow fever virus in North American Aedes aegypti and Aedes albopictus mosquitoes*

Professor Donna Witek
Library *Information Literacy Teaching and Learning in the Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm*

Center for Career Development

- The Center is collaborating with Campus Ministries to identify faith-based organizations offering internships or employment opportunities. Staff will also be conducting information sessions for students on how to showcase service experiences on resumes.
- Since the beginning of the academic year, the Center reports the following activity:
 - 268 Internships posted (247)
 - 423 full-time positions posted (345)
 - 294 employers registered (236)
 - 747 student appointments (810)
 - 2762 students reached through program and classroom presentations (1655)

** Note: #'s in parenthesis offer last year's numbers for the same period
- The Center conducted site visits to the following employers: Walmart Distribution Center, HBC/Lord & Taylor, JP Morgan, Rolling Stone, Weiden + Kennedy, and ZenithOptimedia.

College Updates

Panuska College

- The Graduate Nursing Program was awarded a federal traineeship grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Health Professions, for \$348,500 for the 2016-2017 academic year. The grant funds will be used to support the educational preparation of graduate students in the University's Family Nurse Practitioner Program. Through this grant the majority of students in this program will have about 90% of their tuition paid for this year.

College of Arts and Sciences

- Joshua David, a sophomore computer science major won the grand prize in the general computing category of the 2016 APL problem-solving competition. The APL competition requires contestants to use the APL programming language, along with problem solving skills, to answer a series of questions in computer code. In addition to the \$2,000 cash prize, Mr. David presented his solution at the Dyalog APL User Meeting in Scotland.
- Tyler Milewski, a biochemistry graduate student received the highly-competitive Faculty for Undergraduate Neuroscience (FUN) Travel Award to present her research titled "Prenatal paracetamol exposure decreases anxiety-related behaviors and disrupt memory in mice" at the Society for Neuroscience annual meeting.