TO: Faculty Senate

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

DATE: September 6, 2016

RE: Academic Affairs Report for September 2016

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1. FACULTY HIRING:

We hired seventeen new faculty members: one tenure track associate professor, six tenure track assistant professors, six faculty specialists, three lecturer, and one visiting instructor. We also made thirty-eight non-tenure track re-appointments for 2016-2017. (**cf. Attachment 1).**

The new faculty orientation session was conducted on August 16th in conjunction with the CTLE. We covered issues on faculty responsibilities, evaluation process, assessment, Title IX, CTLE resources, and the mentor-mentee program.

2. FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS AND VISITING FACULTY:

Incoming faculty through our arrangement with the Taiwan Ministry of Education and the University:

- Shih-han Wang, MA in Teaching English as a Second Language, The University of Pennsylvania; MA in Teaching Chinese as a Second Language, National Taipei University.
- Allison Lai, B.A. in Chinese Literature, National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan; M.A. in Teaching Chinese as a Second Language, National Kaohsing Normal University, also Taiwan; M.A. in Secondary Education, University of Scranton.

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

- Ms. Sarah Scheier, Germany
- Ms. Ayman Khazaal, Iraq
- Ms. Carmen Céspedes Suárez, Spain

Céline Langlard of France and Chie Fujikake of Japan, our Fulbright teaching assistants last year have stayed on for master's degrees.

3. RANKINGS:

- The Princeton Review's 2017 edition of the "Best 381 Colleges" guidebook ranks our science labs 4th best in the country. It also lists us as No. 11 for "Best Campus Food", No. 17 for "Best College Dorms", and No. 20 "Students Most Engaged in Community Service.

- The University of Scranton is ranked No. 38 in the nation among master's universities in a listing by *Washington Monthly* that seeks to rate colleges based on their contribution to "social mobility, research and service." Scranton is the highest ranked school in Pennsylvania in the "Master's University" category in the 2016

ranking published Aug. 29 in the September/October issue of *Washington Monthly* and online.

Scranton ranked even higher in the "research" index, at No. 33, which is used to calculate a school's overall score. In addition, Scranton ranked No. 67 in its category in the "Best Bang for the Buck" listing, also published by the magazine that focused on the "social mobility" data used for the overall ranking.

- The University of Scranton was ranked among the "25 Most Affordable Master's of Marketing Degrees," in a new web listing published by Affordable Schools. Scranton, ranked No. 22 in the nation, was the only college in Pennsylvania listed. Scranton and Xavier University (No. 19) were the only two Jesuit colleges ranked.

- Money Magazine ranked the University of Scranton among the nation's colleges that deliver the "best value" in a 2016 list published online July 20th. Its analysis ranked just 705 of the "nation's best-performing colleges" based on their evaluation of 24 factors in 3 categories: educational quality, affordability and alumni success. We were the highest ranked school in Northeastern PA and among 25 Jesuit universities listed with the rank of 291.

4. FACULTY DEVELOPMENT:

Faculty Grants:

During the 2015-2016 academic year the following grants were awarded to our faculty: 3 Intersession Grants; 6 Summer Grants; 2 Clavius Grants; and 3 University of Scranton/Marywood Cooperative Grants. The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs awarded 7 Summer Presidential Scholarships.

Faculty Travel:

Faculty Travel funds supported 163 faculty traveling to 222 conferences in 2015-2016.

Sabbaticals:

The following faculty will be taking sabbaticals during the 2015-2016 academic year:

Fall 2016
Chowdhury. Jafor
Hardisky, Michael
Hill, John
Hudacek, Sharon
Lisa Lesneski
Sweeney, Daniel
Tamimi, Nabil
West, Daniel

Spring 2017
W. Andrew Berger
Foley, Mary Anne
Foley, Timothy
Goll, Irene
Gomez, George

(Spring 2017 cont.)
Gougeon, Len
Grettano, Teresa
Morgan, Oliver
Sebastianelli, Rose
Shapiro, Marc
Stephen Whittaker

Academic Year 2016-2017
Larson, Richard
Meyer, Matthew
Pang-White, Ann
Pinches, Charles
Zalon, Margarete

Intersession/Summer 2017
George Aulisio

5. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS UPDATES:

Updates from the Office of the Provost

The administrative "academic policy committee" will be reinstituted in fall 2016. The committee, renamed the Provost's Committee on Academic Policy and Compliance will include the chairperson of the FSCC.

Representatives from the Faculty Senate and Academic Administration have discussed models and processes for integrating the Curriculum Conference Committee (CCC) into the FSCC.

The Office of Finance is developing a advisory group for the Comprehensive Resource Review (CRR) process. The committee will be convened after the Faculty Senate submits the names of the faculty representatives.

With the Office of Finance, the Office of the Provost established a program development support team that will work directly with department and program faculty to address technical matters such as business planning and market research. The goal is to concentrate discussion and expedite new program development.

A committee to address issues related to implementing *Eloquentia Perfecta* Level II in an effective and sustainable way awaits faculty representatives. We seek to launch the committee promptly.

The Interim Provost discussed with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee the possibility of studying the state of the University with regard to academic integrity.

The Board of Trustees has begun its preliminary work related to the search process for a new president of the University.

The Office of Educational Assessment

The Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) accepted the University's April 1, 2016 Monitoring Report on Assessment of Student Learning. In that communication MSCHE reaffirmed accreditation, cited the proper responsiveness of the University to the MSCHE concerns, and noted as a strength the professional development opportunities that are being offered by the Office of Educational Assessment (OEA).

OEA is reviewing program assessment reports and will provide chairpersons and program directors with feedback based on a rubric that was provided to the programs in spring 2016. Eight faculty will attend the 3rd Annual Assessment Conference at Drexel University and several will present at two sessions.

Chairperson List

A retreat for department chairs was held on August 17th. Mr. Steinmetz made a presentation on finances, the deans or their representatives, and Dr. Harrington reported on goals for 2016-17 and beyond. Time was set aside for discussion of concerns raised by the chairs.

For a list of the Chairpersons for 2016-2017 (cf. Attachment 2).

Colleges

College of Arts & Sciences

Michael Jenkins, Ph.D., has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant. He will be traveling to London to begin a four-month research project in January. He hopes to gain an understanding of the London Metropolitan Police Service within the context of how we police in the United Stated to work

toward a better understanding of how police can minimize force, maximize safety and prevent a spiral of disorder.

Panuska College of Professional Studies

- CACREP has extended the accreditation status of our Clinical Mental Health Counseling and School Counseling Programs through October 31, 2022.
- The Department of Nursing has been designated as a Center of Nursing Excellence by The National League of Nursing. This designation acknowledges the outstanding innovations, commitment, and sustainability of excellence demonstrated by our faculty, staff and students, as well as, the high standards we set for ourselves in the Department of Nursing.
- Jessica Bachman, Ph.D. received The Emerging Dietetic Leader Award from the PA Academy of Nutrition and The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. The award recognizes the activities and competence of dietitians, who have made distinctive contribution early in their career to the Academy.

6. CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNSHIP INITIATIVES:

The Center for Career Development reported that they received 79 application and were able to award 13 Summer Internships.

7. PROVOST EVENTS AND DEADLINES:

Intersession Grants Proposals:

The deadline for full-time faculty interested in submitting a proposal for an Intersession Grant is October 5, 2016

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 September 26th and dossiers are due on October 31st. A public meeting designed to inform faculty of the rank and tenure policies and procedures will be held on Thursday, September 22nd at noon in the Provost's Conference Room.

8. CURRICULUM REVIEW DEADLINES

The BOT Educational Committee notified the interim provost that he seeks to have full program proposals to the Committee in order to have substantive discussion about the proposals. Votes on the individual proposals are then scheduled for the BOT meeting following the discussion. The June schedule for first-year student orientation necessitates an earlier target date for catalog changes. Ms. Catherine Murphy will coordinate with the FSCC chairperson to develop these schedules.

9. SCHEMEL FORUM:

We will, as in the past, offer a fall semester packed with programs that feature our own faculty and nationally and internationally renowned scholars, journalists and civic and political leaders. While it is a program designed for out of school adults from throughout the region, faculty, students and administrators are welcome to all events at no charge—with the exception of the twice-a-year bus trip. World Affairs luncheons and University for a Day are recorded and aired by Electric City TV, our public cable channel, and attract a wide range of people in the region who are our "distance learners." To view all the upcoming events visit our website at http://www.scranton.edu/academics/wml/schemel/courses.shtml

10. 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 10, 2016 through December 11, 2016.

September 10, 2016
In Concert: Eddie Barbash Quartet

September 24, 2016

In Concert: Joseph Boga Octet

September 28, 2016
General Recital: Performance Music Student Musicians

September 30, 2016
Recital and Talk: Francesc de Paula Soler, Catalan guitarist

October 1, 2016
In Recital: Jeremy Jordan, pianist

October 16, 2016
In Recital: David Ball, organist

November 5, 2016
In Concert: U. of S. Jazz Band with guest Marion Felder

November 11, 2016
In Concert: U. of S. String Orchestra

November 19, 2016
In Concert: Symphonic Band

December 3, 2016
49th Annual Noel Night
U. of S. Singers and Chamber Ensembles

December 11, 2016
EMPTY STOCKING FUND BENEFIT CONCERT
The Scranton Brass Orchestra with special guests The Scranton Preparatory School Cavalyrics

Attachment 1

New Faculty List
2016-2017

FIRSTNAME	LASTNAME	RANK	DEPTARTMENT
Julie	Nastasi	Assistant Professor	Occupational Therapy
John	Ruddy	Assistant Professor	Economics/Finance
Ashley	Regan	Faculty Specialist	Accounting
Vincent	Rocco	Faculty Specialist	Operation & Information Management
Andrew	Venezia	Assistant Professor	Exercise Science & Sport
Ahmed	Gomaa	Associate Professor	Operation & Information Management
E. Springs	Steele	Faculty Specialist	Theology/Religious Studies
Aiala	Levy	Visiting Instructor	History
Ismail	Onat	Assistant Professor	Sociology/Criminal Justice
Hamza	Adeinat	Assistant Professor	Operation & Information Management
Jordan	Ruybal	Lecturer	Biology
Natalie	Wentz	Lecturer	Biology
Thomas	Giardina	Lecturer	Biology
Wendy	Manetti	Assistant Professor	Nursing
John	Kilker	Faculty Specialist	Communication
Melissa	McHale	Faculty Specialist	Chemistry
John	Wiercinski	Faculty Specialist	Health Administration & Human Resources

DEPARTMENTAL CHAIRPERSONS 2016-2017

COLLEGE	DEPARTMENT	CHAIR	DATE OF ELECTION
CAS	Biology	Dr. Terrence Sweeney	2014
CAS	Chemistry	Dr. Joan Wasilewski	2016
CAS	Communication	Dr. Howard Fisher	2015
CAS	Computing Science	Prof. Richard Plishka	2014
CAS	English & Theatre	Dr. Rebecca Beal	2014
CAS	History	Dr. David Dzurec	2015
CAS	Latin American & Women's Studies	Dr. Jamie Trnka	2014
CAS	Mathematics	Dr. Thomas Shimkus	2014
CAS	Philosophy	Dr. Patrick Tully	2016
CAS	Physics/EE	Dr. Christine Zakzewski	2014
CAS	Political Science	Dr. Michael Allison	2014
CAS	Psychology	Dr. James Buchanan	2014
CAS	ROTC (Military Science)	LTC. Lars A. Wendt Appointed	2014
CAS	Sociology/Criminal Justice	Dr. James Roberts	2016
CAS	Theology/Religious Studies	Dr. Brigid Frein	2014

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CAS	World Languages & Cultures	Dr. Linda Ledford-Miller	2015
CPS	Counseling and Human Services	Dr. Lori Bruch	2015
CPS	Education	Dr. Darryl DeMarzio	2014
CPS	Exercise Science and Sports	Dr. Paul Cutrufello	2015
CPS	Health Administration/ Human Resource	Dr. Daniel West Dr. Steven Szydlowski (Acting Chair/Fall 2016)	2016
CPS	Nursing	Dr. Dona Carpenter	2015
CPS	Occupational Therapy	Dr. Carol Reinson Dr. Carol Cote (Acting Chair/Fall 2016)	2015
CPS	Physical Therapy	Dr. Peter Leininger	2014
KSOM	Accounting	Dr. Douglas Boyle	2015
KSOM	Economics/Finance	Dr. Iordanis Petsas	2014
KSOM	Management, Marketing & Entrepreneurship	Dr. Satya Chattopadhyay	2014
KSOM	Operations & Information Management	Dr. Nabil Tamimi Dr. Rose Sebastianelli (Acting Chair/Fall 2016)	2016
Library		Prof. Betsey Moylan	2014