

TO: The Faculty Senate

FROM: Patricia Harrington
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SUBJECT: Provost's Report for May 2014

1. Board Resolutions:

I will be presenting the following new programs to the Board of Trustees at their May meeting as well as asking them to approve the deletion of the MS in Occupational Therapy for Practitioners.

B.S. in Applied Mathematics
Journalism & Electronic Media Major
Strategic Communication Major
BS/MBA in Finance
MS in Health Informatics
Masters in Accountancy Programs
The On-Line Master of Accountancy
The Joint BS/MAcc
Doctor of Nursing Practice

2. Faculty Searches:

We have currently filled eleven positions, two offers are out, and interviews continue.

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| Danielle Arigo | Assistant Professor | Psychology |
| Qian Wang | Assistant Professor | Exercise Science & Sport |
| Ozgur Isil | Assistant Professor | Operations & Information Management |
| Michael Costello | Faculty Specialist | Health Admin and Human Resources |
| Bernard Gilligan | Faculty Specialist | Nursing |
| Ann Culp | Faculty Specialist | Nursing |
| Susan Elczyna | Faculty Specialist | Nursing |

3. Academic Honors:

Fulbright Scholars:

This academic year, eight current students and one alumnus applied through the University for Fulbright Scholarships for 2014-15. Five of the nine were named National Finalists in January. We have just learned that four of the five were selected for Fulbright Scholarships for the next academic year.

- > *Emmanuel Akpan Jr.* majoring in Neuroscience and a member of the Honors program has been selected to receive a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Cyprus.
- > *Olivia Salama*, double majoring in Political Science and Philosophy, and a member of the SJLA Program, has been selected to receive a Fulbright Scholarship in Law to the University of Turku, Finland. She will conduct research on the policing of white collar crime.
- > *Matthew B. Tibbitts*, a graduating senior in Health Administration and Presidential Scholar, has been selected for a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Malaysia.
- > *Marc Andris Vallone*, who received a B.S. in Marketing from the University in 2010, volunteered for a year at the Working Boys Center in Quito, Ecuador before returning to work at his alma mater Camden Catholic High School. Marc has been awarded a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Brazil.

A special thanks to Dr. Susan Trussler, Fulbright Program Advisor, and the students' recommenders, for a great job in supporting all our candidates.

US News & World Report:

- > U.S. News & World Report ranked several of The University of Scranton's programs among "America's Best Graduate Schools" in its 2015 guidebook.
- > The University's online graduate program in education ranked No. 6 in the nation. The University offers online a Master of Science degree in the education fields of curriculum and instruction and educational administration (K-12), in addition to a non-degree administration certification program.
- > U.S. News ranked the University's online MBA program No. 51 in the country. The University offers an online Master of Business Administration degree (MBA) in general business, enterprise resource planning, healthcare management, operations management and international business.
- > U.S. News ranked the University's part-time MBA program No. 132 in the nation on its website. On campus MBA students can specialize in accounting, enterprise resource planning, finance, international business, management information systems, marketing, operations management or general business.

4. Faculty Research Committee:

The Faculty Research Committee reviewed the proposals for the Summer Presidential Scholars Program. This Program provides a \$3,000 stipend to a student to perform research with a faculty member during a ten week period in summer 2014. The faculty member receives a \$1,000 stipend and there is \$500 allotted for materials. The Committee recommended funding for six of the proposals.

- > Natalie Ceresnak and Dr. Robert Smith, Biology. *The influence of timing on spring migration for landbirds using habitats in Northeastern Pennsylvania.*
- > Patrick Fricke and Dr. Michael Fennie, Chemistry. *A green approach to oxazole synthesis.*
- > Francis George and Dr. Jakub Jasinski, Mathematics. *Non isomorphic models of first-order theories.*
- > Elizabeth Joyce and Dr. Marc Seid, Biology. *The role of the mesolimbic dopaminergic in nicotine dependence during third-hand smoke residue exposure in Camptonotus sp.*
- > Kaitlyn Kolzow and George Gomez, Biology. *The effects of hypoxia and hyper oxia on the morphology of the cytoskeleton of neuronal retina.*

- > Nicole McAndrew and George Gomez, Biology. *The intracellular mechanisms of retinoic acid and cancer cell division.*

5. The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs:

The ORSP has processed 55 submissions for extramural funding (1 June 2013 to present) compared to 41 in 2012-13. The ORSP, with the Office of General Counsel, also oversees the patent application/processing projects. Currently it has five active applications: The Electrooptical Eardrum; Elastic Artery; Cardiovascular Model; Reflective Solar Tracker. There are two marketing studies underway: Cardiovascular Model and the Archimedes Javelin (drilling device).

The annual, University wide celebration of student scholars is scheduled for May 15, 2014 in the Loyola Science Center Atrium with the celebratory dinner. Dr. Renee Hakim, Associate Professor in the Department of Physical Therapy is the scheduled speaker.

6. Faculty Handbook Committee:

I will be reporting to the Board of Trustees that the Faculty Handbook Committee, the FPC and the faculty approved that the proposed language for Service Criteria for Tenure and Promotion and the Norms for Librarians for inclusion in the *Faculty Handbook*.

7. Curriculum Approvals:

Program Changes

| | <u>Date Posted</u> |
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| Exercise Science Clinical Track | 4/2/14 |
| Management/Marketing Department name change | 4/10/14 |

New Course

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| EDUC 465: Seminar in Educational Studies | 3/27/14 |
| ENLT 231: Shakespeare's Comedies | 3/14/14 |
| ENLT 232: Shakespeare's Tragedies | 3/14/14 |
| Change BS in Nursing to BSN | 3/27/14 |

Course Changes

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| PSYC 224: Personality | 3/17/14 |
| HIST 333: 12 Century Europe (to 1945) | 4/11/14 |
| HIST 334: 12 Century Europe (after 1945) | 4/11/14 |
| ENGR 253L: An Introduction to Computer Aided Design | 3/27/14 |

8. College Updates

College of Arts and Sciences:

- > Assistant Professor of Biology Erica Lasek-Nesselquist has received a major grant from the National Science Foundation for her research on cellular and metabolic integration of symbiotic organelles.
- > Twelve Electrical Engineering and Physics students won awards at the 2014 IEEE Region 2 Student Activities Conference. Hardik Patel and Stephan Bossaly won first place in the Micromouse Robotics competition. Daniel Donovan, Patrick O'Malley, James Roche, and Chris Gaspar--three sophomores and a freshman--won first place in the Physics competition.

- > Two undergraduates are co-authors of pending patents. Sophomore Nathan Williams is co-author, with Professor Nick Truncale and laboratory manager Jim Loven of the Physics and Electrical Engineering Department, of a patent on the reflective solar tracker. Junior Michelle Graham is co-author, with Professor Truncale, of a patent on an electro-optic eardrum. Michelle is also co-author of two published articles on her project.
- > The University's radio station, WUSR, received a grant from the Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters to improve the station's editing facilities.

Panuska College of Professional Studies:

- > Center for Rehabilitation Education Equipment received a grant for \$225,000 to help the University of Scranton buy and install specialized medical and health-related equipment for the new rehab center.
- > Our first universal affiliation agreement will be effective June 1, 2014 for all Geisinger entities. We will no longer need to have separate agreements. Implementation letters will need to be submitted for every student so that we can track details-where, when, and who is supervising the student. We will continue to pursue other universal affiliation agreements instead of individual sites within a system.
- > PCPS Assessment Retreat for Faculty and Staff, August 8, 2014, Chapman Lake Retreat House-key formative assessment, best practices in assessment and continuous quality assessment improvement-closing the loop.

9. International Programs and Services (ISP)

Study Abroad

53 University of Scranton students are studying abroad during the spring 2014 semester. Also 57 students will be studying abroad during the summer 2014. Of these summer 2014 students 33 will be enrolled in University of Scranton faculty-led study abroad courses which are listed below.

| Course Title | Instructor | International Site | Enrollment |
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| COMM 295 Special Topics: Ireland | Dr. Matthew Reavy | Ireland | 9 |
| INTD 109 Math and Visual Arts ARTH 296 Art, Ignatius and Rome ARTH 295 Travel Seminar | Dr. Anthony Ferzola Dr. Josephine Dunn | Italy (Rome) | 12 |
| ITAL 195 Italian Culture through Image ITAL 295 Intensive Italian Abroad HUMN 296 Dante's Inferno/Florence | Dr. Virginia Picchietti Dr. Marzia Caporale | Italy (Florence) | 12 |

International Student Population, Spring 2014

| Country | Number of Students | Comment |
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| Bahrain | 1 | Graduate program |
| China (PRC) | 7 | 5 in graduate programs, 2 in undergraduate programs |
| India | 3 | All in graduate programs |

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| Ireland | 6 | Undergraduate Redington Scholar Program |
| Japan | 4 | 1 in graduate programs, 3 undergraduate exchange |
| Kenya | 1 | Undergraduate program |
| Malaysia | 1 | Undergraduate program |
| Mexico | 1 | Undergraduate exchange |
| South Korea | 12 | Undergraduate exchange |
| Saudi Arabia | 56 | 55 in graduate programs, 1 in undergraduate program |
| Spain | 4 | 4 in undergraduate exchange program |
| Sweden | 4 | 4 in undergraduate exchange program |
| Taiwan | 7 | 1 in graduate program, 6 undergraduate exchange |
| Thailand | 1 | Graduate program |
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| Total | 108 | 67 grad (degree); 11 undergrad (degree); 30 undergrad exchange |

10. Brown Bag Lunch:

Two Brown Bag Luncheons have been scheduled in May. On Thursday, May 8th the topic will be “Assessment Follow-up”. The second meeting was scheduled for Thursday, May 15th and the topic will be “Improving Royal News for Faculty”.

11. 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, for information on special programs and performances offered by the Performance Music department from February 15, 2014 through May 31, 2014 please visit their website at <https://www.scranton.edu/academics/performance-music/coming-events.shtml>