

TO: Faculty Senate Report

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Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

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RE: Provost's Report for March

Board of Trustees

At the Board of Trustees Education Committee meeting on Friday, March 1st, Dr. Murli Rajan and Dr. Nabil Tamimi presented the proposal for the new Business Analytics major. The Education Committee unanimously agreed to recommend the program to the full Board of Trustees and the proposal was passed by the full board later that day. I also announced the new Advanced Certificate in Applied Behavioral Analysis that was approved by faculty, but which did not need board approval.

At the Education Committee, I also reviewed the process for curriculum approval so that members understand the faculty process for curriculum approval and their role in the final approval process.

KSOM Dean Search

Three finalist candidates for the position of Dean of the Kania School of Management have been to campus for full-day interviews. We are now gathering the results of the survey. The search committee will meet this week to provide recommendations to me and Fr. Pilarz. We hope to make a decision soon after we receive this recommendation and will continue to communicate with the campus community regarding this outcome.

Faculty Searches

We have successfully completed nine faculty searches and are very excited about the next cohort of incoming faculty.

Michael Bermudez	Assistant	Occupational Therapy
Kaeun Kim	Assistant	Management, Marketing & Entrepreneurship
Ovidiu Cocieru	Assistant	Management, Marketing & Entrepreneurship
Deborah Budash	Assistant	Occupational Therapy
Sinchul Back	Instructor	Criminal Justice
Gregory O'Connell	Faculty Specialist	Management, Marketing & Entrepreneurship
Leila Soleimani	Assistant	Management, Marketing & Entrepreneurship
Gail Kemp	Assistant	Psychology
Joseph Pellegrino	Assistant	Exercise Science and Sport

Middle States Self-Study Accreditation

The Middle States Peer Review Team, arrived on Sunday, March 3 and will be on campus until Wednesday, March 6. Ms. Kate Yerkes and the Middle States leadership team worked

diligently to create a multi-layered schedule for each peer review team member and have communicated the schedule and expectations for this visit.

During their visit team members will be meeting with various groups and individuals as well as the faculty, students and staff.

Faculty Development

President's Fellowships for Summer Research

Calls for the President's Fellowships for Summer 2019 were sent out on February 6th. Thanks to the efforts of Fr. Pilarz to prioritize faculty-student research at the University, funds for the research have been increased in total funding from \$30,000 to \$50,000.

Study Abroad/Global Initiatives

Eight grants were awarded to faculty from the Provost Strategic Fund for faculty development. Four faculty accompanied trips during intersession and four faculty will accompany trips in the Summer. In total, six new travel courses were developed.

The number of students that went abroad in Intersession 2019 is 147. 56 students are studying abroad in the spring 2019 semester.

Community-Based Learning

More than 100 community-based learning classes were conducted at the University during the 2017-2018 academic year alone. The community-related service project components imbedded in academic courses resulted in more than 2,400 students engaging in more than 33,000 hours of service. More than 60 faculty from 16 different academic departments engaged students in these courses in a variety of activities related to their academic study and in collaboration with community partners, which included United Neighborhood Centers of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Allied Services, St. Joseph's Center, Neighborworks Northeastern Pennsylvania, and Friends of the Poor, among others.

Curriculum:

The following curriculum proposals have been approved:

New Course	Date
DS 210: Mathematical Methods for Data Science	1/9/19
COMM 279: Communicating Data	5/14/18
CMPS 213: Sophomore Colloquia I	11/28/18
CMPS 214: Sophomore colloquia II	11/28/18
CMPS 313: Junior Colloquia I	11/9/18
CMPS 314: Junior Colloquia II	11/9/18
CMPS 413: Senior Colloquia I	11/9/18
CMPS 414: Senior Colloquia II	11/9/18
PHYS 142: Elements of Physics III	1/28/19
LIT/CINE 225: Monsters, Aliens and Superheroes: The Other French and Italian Cinema	1/9/19
BUAN 475: Business Simulation	2/14/19

BUAN 261: Introduction to Business Programming	2/11/19
BUAN 362: Database Management Systems for Electronic Business	2/11/19
BUAN 461: Internet Applications Development	2/11/19
BUAN 463: Data Mining	2/11/19
HAD 540: Epidemiology & Population Health Management	10/10/18
HAD 541: Population Health & Systems Science	10/10/18
HAD 542: Population Health Science an Interdisciplinary Approach	10/10/18

Course Deletion

T/RS 216: Judaism in Modern Times	1/28/19
T/RS 220: The Sacramental Imagination	1/28/19
T/RS 223: Intro to Theology of the Byzantine	1/28/19
T/RS 224: Intro to Eastern Liturgies	1/28/19
T/RS 240: Scrolls and Scriptures	1/28/19
T/RS 316: Passion & Resurrection Narratives	1/28/19
T/RS 321: Development of Christian Thought to 1100	1/28/19
T/RS 322: Development of Christian Thought 1100 to 1800	1/28/19
T/RS 242H: Christian Ethics and Public Health	1/28/19
PSYC 330L: Research Methods Laboratory	2/11/19

New Program

Business Analytics UG	12/14/19
Data Science Concentration	10/19/18
Master of Accountancy Concentration in Forensic Accounting	12/12/19
Master of Accountancy Concentration in Accounting Analytics	12/12/19
MHA Specialization	10/10/18

Program Deletion

Chemistry Computers	11/14/18
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Program Change

Community Health Education	10/10/18
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College Updates

Kania School of Management

- The University of Scranton's Kania School of Management will join select business schools in the country participating in the Barron's In Education program from Dow Jones. The program, which Barron's Group launched in early 2018, provides business students and faculty digital access to Barron's and additional educational resources made available exclusively to partner schools.

Panuska College of Professional Studies

- The renovation on the ACCE Executive Hub at 811-813 Mulberry Street is almost complete. Dr. Erin Dunleavy was named project manager after an extensive search of

outstanding candidates. A national search is now in the process for a nationally known BCBA. We anticipate that the first cohort will begin in the fall 2019 semester. Subsequent cohorts will start in summer session.

- University's Leahy Clinic for the Uninsured, which served 1,023 patients, dispensed 538 prescriptions, and provided 111 immunizations in 2017.
- Our PCPS culture is known for Caring for Others. In caring for others you must first care for yourself. Two University of Scranton Alumni will focus on the ups and downs of professional life in the helping professions on March 2, 2019 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm in the Kane Forum, Rm. 235 Leahy Hall. All PCPS graduate students are welcome to attend.
- On March 7, 2019, PCPS will be hosting Bishop Judak of Nitra from the country of Slovakia
- Friday, March 22, 2019 at 2 p.m. in the Kane Forum, Father Matthew Ruhl, S.J. will be visiting us from Belize. Father Matt will be presenting on being a man or woman for and with others to the PCPS Class of 2022.
- In Intersession the Departments of Health Administration and Human Resources, Nursing and Occupational Therapy offered travel courses to Brazil, Uganda, Slovakia, Dominican Republic, Ireland, and Hawaii.