

TO: The Faculty Senate

FROM: Patricia Harrington, RN, Ed.D.
Interim Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

DATE: April 7, 2014

SUBJECT: Provost's Report for April 2014

I. FACULTY SEARCHES:

We have currently filled three positions and interviews continue.

Danielle Arigo, Ph.D.	Assistant Professor	Psychology
Qian Wang, A.B.D.	Assistant Professor	Exercise Science & Sport
Michael Costello, J.D.	Faculty Specialist	Health Administration & Human Resources

II. RANK AND TENURE:

The following is a list of faculty members who have been promoted and/or received tenure effective in the fall of 2014:

Professor	Department
Dr. Joseph Kraus	English
Associate	
Dr. Christian Krokus	Theology
Dr. Will Cohen	Theology
Dr. Barry Kuhle	Psychology
Dr. Catherine Lovecchio	Nursing
Prof. George Aulisio	Library
Prof. Donna Witek	Library
Dr. Sean Brennan	History
Associate/Tenure	
Dr. Paul Datti	Counseling/HS
Dr. Maria Oreshkina	Education
Dr. Sufyan Mohammed	Communication
Dr. Carol Cote	OT
Tenure	
Dr. Jessica Nolan	Psychology
Dr. Paul Cutrufello	Exercise Science & Sport
Prof. Kristen Yarmey	Library
Dr. Nathan Lefler	Theology
Dr. David Dzurec	History

Dr. Shuhua Fan
Dr. Cyrus Olsen
Dr. Ileana Szymanski

History
Theology
Philosophy

III. FACULTY DEVELOPMENT:

Provost Enhancement Awards

The winners of the Provost Enhancement Awards were announced at the Faculty Appreciation Day dinner on April 4th. Please join me in congratulating the winners:

Excellence in Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

Douglas Boyle, Ph.D.
Robert Waldeck, Ph.D.

Excellence in Scholarly Publication

Mary Jane Hanson, Ph.D.

Excellence in Advancing Global Learning

Yamile Silva, Ph.D.

Excellence for University Service and Leadership

Rebecca Mikesell, Ph.D.

Excellence in Integrating Diversity in Learning

Paul Datti, Ph.D.

Excellence in Integrating Mission and Justice into the Curriculum

Iordanis Petsas, Ph.D.
Aram Balagyozyan, Ph.D.

Summer Grants

Dr. Michael Azar

Stereotyping Exegesis: The Johannine Jews in Ancient and Modern Commentary

Dr. Robert Giambatista

Advancing Research in Whole Person Learning as a Tool for Behavioral Skill Acquisition

Dr. Irene Goll

Foreign Direct Investment, Human Rights, and Welfare

Dr. Barry Kuhle

On the Origin of an Evolution Revolution: The Birth and Rise of an Evolutionary Approach to Human Behavior and Cognition

Dr. Matthew Meyer

Nietzsche's Revaluation of Values: A Love Story

Dr. Eric Plumer

To Support the Research and Writing of Two Articles on John Ruskin's Fors Clavigera

Dr. Stephen Whittaker

Under Waterhouse's Clock: The Engendering Geometry of Gnomon and Armillary in Joyce's Forge

Dr. Patricia Moyle Wright *Perinatal and Pediatric Loss*

Clavius Grants

The Faculty Development Board recommended funding for two Clavius Program proposals:

Dr. Steven Whittaker *Plato's Aesthetics*

Dr. Josephine Dunn *The Jesuit Suppression: History, Restoration, Challenge*

IV. FACULTY RESEARCH COMMITTEE:

Fall 2013 Internal Research Funding (IRF) Awards

Loreen Wolfer, Sociology/Criminal Justice	\$1,877
Abhijit Roy, Management/Marketing	\$2,000
Michael Knies, Library	\$2,000
Tim Foley, Chemistry and George Gomez, Biology	\$3,000
Carol Cote, Occupational Therapy	\$1,060
Scott Breloff and Andrew Stuka, Exercise Science	\$2,990
Jeremy Brees, Management/Marketing	\$2,000

Spring 2014 Internal Research Funding (IRF) Awards

Scott Breloff/Ronald Deitrick, Exercise Science	\$3,000
Roy Domenico, History	\$2,000
Shuhua Fan, History	\$2,000
Howard Fisher/Sufyan Mohammed, Communication	\$2,000
George Gomez, Biology	\$2,000
Renee Hakim/Michael Ross, Physical Therapy	\$3,000
Erica Lasek-Nesselquist, Biology	\$2,000
Yibai Li, Operations & Information Management	\$1,998
Robert McKeage/Len Tischler, Management	\$2,990
Kim Subasic, Nursing	\$2,000
Zhang, Operations & Information Management	\$2,000

AY2014 Patent Activity

Provisional applications submitted (or in preparation):

- > Nicholas P. Truncale, Visualizing Sound with an Electro-Optical Eardrum, U.S. Patent Provisional Application No. 61/908,234
- > Nicholas P. Truncale and Nathan Williams, Celestial Body Digital Tracking System, U.S. Patent Provisional Application No. 61/938,869
- > Nicholas P. Truncale, Interfaced Raspberry Pi for Reflective Soar Tracking (in preparation)

The following patent applications submitted (or in preparation):

- > James F. Loven, Solar Energy Collection System Employing Reflectors and Sun Tracking, U.S. Patent Application No. 14/212,015
- > Terrence Sweeney, Apparatus and Method for Demonstrating the Beneficial Effects of Elastic Arteries (amended), U.S. Patent Application No. 13/246,758

- Terrence Sweeney, Mechanical Model of the Cardiovascular System (amended), US Patent Application No. 12/939,741 (in preparation)

V. FELLOWSHIPS and SCHOLARSHIPS:

The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship provides support for educational expenses to sophomores and juniors who intend to pursue careers in mathematics, the natural sciences, or engineering. This year we have two students who received Honorable Mention.

- Shayne Wierbowski - Sophomore BCMC, Computer Science and Philosophy major
- Alice Chen Liaw- Sophomore BCMC and Philosophy major

VI. FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS:

Though it is still very early in the notification cycle, we have learned that two of our graduating seniors already have been selected for Fulbright Scholarships for the next academic year. They are still going through the process of health and security clearances, so we cannot go to press on these awards yet.

- 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.

Three other Scranton applicants, who were named Fulbright National Finalists at the end of January, are still awaiting word from their countries, where final decisions should be made in the next eight weeks.

VII. SUSTAINABILITY

The University of Scranton's Office of Sustainability has planned a month of events in celebration of Earth Week 2014, encouraging our entire community to help better our environment. Earth Week events began on April 6, with a film and talk by environmental philosopher and filmmaker Dr. Irene Klaver. On April 22nd an "Earth Day Fair" in DeNaples is planned and will include interactive presentations and information related to the environment and sustainable practices. On April 25th a Campus Electronic Recycling and Document Shredding event will be held. The celebration will conclude on Saturday, April 26 with a 5K Fun Run/Walk on the Lackawanna Valley Heritage Trail. For details on all of the events visit the sustainability web site at: <http://www.scranton.edu/sustainability/earth-week.shtml>

VIII. EDUCATION FOR JUSTICE:

Education for Justice and the Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA) hosted a Nelson Mandela Tribute on Tuesday, March 25th.

IX. CHAIRPERSON ELECTIONS:

The following Departments elected a new chairperson:

Terrance Sweeney	Biology
Richard Plishka	Computing Science
Iordanis Petsas	Economics/Finance
Education	Darryl DeMarzio

English/Theater	Rebecca Beal
Library	Betsey Moylan
Management/Marketing	Satya Chattopadhyay
Mathematics	Thomas Shimkus
Physical Therapy	Peter Leininger
Political Science	Michael Allison
Psychology	James Buchanan
Theology/RS	Brigid Frein

X. CURRICULUM APPROVALS:

<u>New Course</u>	<u>Date Posted</u>
ACC 550: Applied Accounting Research	11/8/14
ACC 542: Occupational Fraud & Abuse	11/8/14
ACC 541: Financial Reporting Fraud: Detection & Prevention	11/8/14
ACC 540: Contemporary Financial Accounting Topics	11/8/14
ACC 539: Accounting Ethics: The Foundation of the Profession	11/8/14
OIM 362: Quality Management	3/11/14
PSYC/NEUR 350: Cognitive Neuroscience	12/11/13
PHYS 404: Intro to Nuclear & Particle Physics	2/19/14
MATH 441: Partial Differential Equations	2/6/14
T/RS 245: Islam	2/3/14
HIST 395: Modern Germany History & Culture	1/9/14
ECUI 511: Integrating Technology into the Classroom	1/23/14
ERDG 526: Reading Practicum	8/12/13
NURS 503: Basic Principles of Nurse Administered Anesthesia	1/30/14
EDUC 240: Literacy at Preschool Level	1/13/14
EDUC 256: Family, School & Community Relations in a Diverse Society	1/30/14
EDUC 252: Assessment in Early Childhood Education	1/13/14
EDUC 344: Science for PreK-4	1/13/14
EDUC 351: Methods Across the Integrated Curriculum, PreK-1	1/13/14
EDUC 357: Integrated Methods Across the Curriculum, Grades 2-4	1/13/14
EDUC 358: Reading to Learn with Tradebooks & Texts, Grades 2-4	1/13/14
EDUC 241: Foundations of reading, K-1	1/13/14
HIFN 501: Introduction to Healthcare	11/8/13
HIFN 502: Computer Information Technology for Health Prof	11/8/13
HIFN 520: Introduction to Health Informatics	11/8/13
HIFN 530: Healthcare Knowledge for Health Informatics	11/8/13
HIFN 535: Principles of Computer Science and Software Dev.	11/8/13
HIFN 540: Information Technology for Health Informatics	11/8/13
HIFN 545: Database Principles and Applications	11/8/13
HIFN 550: Community Health for Health Informatics	11/8/13
HIFN 560: Business Management & Communication for Health Informatics	11/8/13
HIFN 570: Public Policy for Health Informatics	11/8/13
HIFN 580: Current Trends in Health Informatics	11/8/13
HIFN 590: Health Informatics Capstone	11/8/13
<u>Course Change</u>	
ECO 101: Current Economic Issues	2/24/14
ECO 103: The Economics of Environmental Issues	2/24/14

PSYC 481: Field Experience in Personnel Psychology	12/11/13
BIOL 110-111: Structure and Function of the Human Body	2/03/14
PHIL 431: Philosophy of Science	1/21/14
PHIL 213: Environmental Ethics	1/9//14
ECUI 511: Integrating Technology into the Classroom	1/23/14
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Program Change

Communication Major	12/17/13
Communication & the Law	12/17/13
Journalism Track - Deletion	12/17/13
Public Relations Track - Deletion	12/17/13
Broadcasting Track - Deletion	12/17/13
Advertising Track - Deletion	12/17/13
Electronic Business	1/21/14
Environmental Studies Concentration	1/17/14
Mathematics Minor	11/12/13
Journalism & Electronic Media	12/10/13
Strategic Communication	12/10/13
Communications Leadership Track	12/17/13
Nurse Anesthesia Curriculum	1/30/14
Early & Primary Teacher Education	1/23/14
Middle Level Teacher Education	1/13/14
Exercise Science Pre-Health Track	2/12/14
NURS 546: Nurse Anesthesia Clinical Practicum I	1/30/14
Business Leadership Honors Minor	2/2/13

XI. THE COLLEGES:

College of Arts and Sciences

- The Department of Mathematics is hosting the regional meeting of the Mathematical Association of America on April 26th. About 100 faculty and students from colleges and universities in Eastern PA and Delaware are expected to attend. Colin Adams, Ph.D. from Williams College and Ruth Charney, Ph.D. from Brandeis University will be giving lectures.
- University of Scranton student Edward H. Ravert III was chosen from a national pool of candidates to receive the Public Relations Student Society of America's (PRSSA) Daniel J. Edelman Award for the Outstanding Public Relations Student. The highly competitive award is presented annually to one student from across the nation chosen based on his or her demonstrated leadership skills, digital media presence, and public relations-related achievements and activities, among other factors. This is the first time a University of Scranton student has won the prestigious award. The award includes a

financial scholarship and a three-month paid internship in one of Edelman's U.S. offices. Edelman is the largest public relations firm in the world, with 67 offices and more than 4,800 employees worldwide. The award is named after the firm's founder, Daniel J. Edelman.

- The Eastern Psychological Association's annual meeting was held in Boston from March 13-16. This year 18 of our students presented 10 different research projects. Students collaborated with Dr. Hogan, Dr. Karpiak, Dr. Nolan, Dr. Norcross and Dr. Orr.

Panuska College of Professional Studies

- CACREP site visit took place on February 25, 2014 for the Department of Counseling and Human Services Programs. The Clinical Mental Health Counseling Graduate Program (currently accredited as a Community Counseling program is seeking CMHC accreditation) and the School Counseling Graduate Program plus the graduate CORE-accredited Rehabilitation Counseling Program and an undergraduate Counseling and Human Services program accredited by the Council for Standards in Human Services Education (CSHSE) are the programs in the Department of Counseling and Human Services being reviewed by CACREP.
- ACOTE site visit takes place in May 2014 for the Department of Occupational Therapy Program. The Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) accepted the self-study report on February 5, 2014 and will be on campus this May for their site visit.
- PCPS has formed a Curriculum and Assessment Committee (C&A). The committee consists of one faculty member appointed by each department, the PCPS faculty fellow that is a member of the University's Office of Assessment and one member of the University's Assessment Advisory Committee. A representative of the PCPS Dean's Office serves as a non-voting convener of the committee.

The PCPS C&A Committee will meet monthly to consider curriculum proposals and to review student learning outcome assessments from two PCPS programs. Programs will present curricular maps and assessment activities for two of their program-level student learning outcomes to the C&A Committee on a 2-year schedule. Undergraduate Nursing and Occupational Therapy will be the first programs to present to the C&A Committee and are scheduled for May 2014.

XII. 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 April, 2014 through June, 2014.

- April 6, 2014, 7:30 P.M.
Combined concert featuring [The Manhattan School of Music Brass Orchestra](#) and The University of Scranton Singers
- April 25, 2014, 7:30 P.M.
The University of Scranton String Orchestra
- May 3, 2014, 7:30 P.M.
31st Annual World Premiere Composition Series Concert featuring two new works by composer/conductor [Kyle Athayde](#) performed by The University of Scranton Concert Band & Concert Choir

- May 9, 2014, 7:30 P.M.
The University of Scranton Jazz Band (guest artist TBA)
- May 16, 2014, 7:30 P.M.
Pre-Commencement Concert
The University of Scranton Symphonic Band and Singers
- June 16 – 20, 2014 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.
Scranton Brass Seminar (educational event for brass players)
- June 22, 2014, 7:30 P.M.
The Scranton Brass Orchestra (Mark Gould and Cheryl Y. Boga, Directors)