

TO: Faculty Senate

FROM: Harold W. Baillie, Ph.D.
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

DATE: September 20, 2011

RE: Academic Affairs Report for September 2011

FACULTY HIRING:

We hired 20 new faculty members and made seventeen non-tenure track re-appointments for 2011-2012. There are ten on tenure track as assistant professors, nine lecturers, seventeen faculty specialists and one visiting associate professor, for a total of thirty-seven (cf. Appendix 1).

New faculty orientation again includes two sessions, one in the summer and one in the spring. The first orientation session (August 25) covers issues on classroom management, students with disabilities, CTLE services, and safety issues, support services that are available for students and faculty, and our Ignatian identity. In February, faculty research and research policies, and the rank and tenure process will be the central topics of concern.

CHAIRPERSON LIST:

A retreat for chairs (August 24) included information on students of concern, registrar's update, safety issues, hiring and employment on line, and the freshman seminar curriculum. For a list of the Chairpersons for 2011-2012 (cf. Appendix 2)

FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS:

In May, I reported that four of our students won Fulbright Scholarships and we were waiting to hear about the three other students that made it to the finals. I am happy to report that we had a total of six students awarded Fulbright Scholarships.

MEDICAL SCHOOL ACCEPTANCES:

For matriculation at medical schools in the fall of 2011, 39 University students and alumni were admitted to medical school, 48% of whom had multiple admissions. Additionally, seven were admitted to dentistry schools, two to veterinary, five to podiatry and one to optometry. Overall, 80% of our applicants were admitted to a type of school of their choice. The MCAT average for all students at the University taking the exam is 25.3, and the average GPA is 3.623. These numbers refer to all students who took the exam, whether or not they applied for any programs.

LAW SCHOOL ACCEPTANCES:

Information on law school acceptances for 2010-2011 will be published sometime in the spring. The numbers from 2009-210 are as follows: 27 seniors applied to law schools in 2010 and 22 were accepted making our acceptance rate 81.5%. The national average for acceptances of seniors that year was 77.7%.

MILITARY SCIENCE:

The following University of Scranton students were recently identified as Distinguished Military Students by our Department and U.S. Army Cadet Command: Cadet Emily Rainey, Cadet Evan Dimakas, Cadet Sydney Jaques, Cadet Coren France, Cadet Joshua Soto, and Cadet Katlyn Brewinton. Among the criteria considered for this selection:

- Must rank in the top 10% of their respective Military Science Program academically.

- Must be active in campus organizations, clubs and activities.

University, also Taiwan.

Lin-mien Lin, B.A. degree in Youth and Child Welfare from Providence University; she is entering her 3rd year of a Masters degree program of Teaching Chinese as a Second Language at National Kaohsiung Normal University. She has a teacher's certificate for grade K-12 and an adjunct language instructor of CSL at National Kaohsiung Normal University. Ms. Lin will be under our World Languages and Cultures Department but she will be teaching at Abington School District.

The Fulbright foreign language teaching assistances are taking courses and teaching their native languages.

Ms. Keiko Saijo, Japan

Ms. Carolina Sánchez, Argentina

Ms. Esther Tranchant, France.

PROVOST EVENTS AND DEADLINES:

In place of the traditional Fall Convocation, the Provost Office held a "Faculty Welcome" on September 2nd.

Marywood Grants:

Six University faculty and two staff members are recipients of a University of Scranton-Marywood Cooperative grant. The grants involve teams of faculty and staff from both institutions and support work through the 2011-12 academic year.

- Dr. Harry Dammer: *Host National Convocation of Jail and Prison Ministry,*
- Dr. Herb Houser: *An Analysis of stable and regular behavioral patterns in the live at-home elderly as indicators of wellness and predictors of the onset of illness,*
- Fr. Rick Malloy, S.J., Ms. Elise, and Dr. Christian Krokus: *Teaching Ethics to Millennial Generation Students,*
- Dr. Kimberly Pavlick: *Faculty and staff perception of institutional mission and identity,*
- Dr. Susan Poulson: *The U.S. in a Global Context: Teaching American History in the Twenty-First Century,* and
- Dr. Georgios A. Stylianides, Ph.D.: *Quantitative Kinematic Analysis of conducting Mechanics*

Faculty Travel:

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Cardiovascular System Model (Dr. T. Sweeney)

Summary: The invention is a hands-on learning tool for teaching the physiology of the cardiovascular system.

U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 61/257,932 (unpublished) filed on 4 Nov 2009

US Patent Application No. 12/939,741 (unpublished) filed on 4 Nov 2010

Assignment of the invention to the UofS was recorded with the USPTO.

High Efficiency Solar Cell (Varonides/Spalletta)

Summary: A solar cell comprised of multiple layers, which results in high energy conversion ratio.

U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 61/082,222 (unpublished) filed on 20 July 2008

U.S. Patent Application No. 12/505,621 (published) filed on 20 July 2009
(Projected first office action is 20 Sept 2011)

Assignment of the invention to the UofS was recorded with the USPTO

Other Activities

Preliminary review of one IP submission in spring 2011 to the Faculty Research Committee is underway prior to the FRC providing a recommendation to pursue the patent process. Expect the FRC final recommendation in September 2011.

EQUITY AND DIVERSITY:

Sexual Harassment Prevention Training

The Office of Equity and Diversity invites all staff and faculty hired within the last two years to attend essential Sexual Harassment Prevention Training. Training sessions have been scheduled for the following dates:

- Tuesday, Sept. 13
- Thursday, Oct. 13
- Tuesday, Oct. 18
- Tuesday, Nov. 15
- Thursday, Nov. 17
- Thursday, Dec. 1
- Thursday, Dec. 8

All sessions are scheduled for 11:30 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. in Brennan Hall, room 500. A light lunch will be served. Managers are urged to remind their staff to schedule to attend. Separate sessions will be held for managers and supervisors. To schedule your session, email diversity@scranton.edu.

Diversity Fair

The Office of Equity and Diversity invites you to participate in and submit proposals for the upcoming fourth annual Diversity Fair. The fair will take place Thursday, Nov. 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the DeNaples Center's ballroom. The theme for this year's fair is "Move It! The Exploration of Human Rights Movements." We seek faculty, staff and students to use their scholarly knowledge to provide information tables to educate the community on various human rights movements.

SERVICE LEARNING:

Eight faculty members completed the Faculty Fellows in Service Learning program, which will result in new and enhanced service learning courses. This year, five new Faculty Fellows will meet throughout the year to improve their understanding and practice of service learning. The 2010-11 Fellows developed a definition of service-learning which they will present to the Faculty Senate for adoption as a campus-wide definition:

SUSTAINABILITY:

Sustainability Task Force Workshop:

In May 2011, the seventh sustainability workshop was conducted with eight faculty participating. The purpose of the workshop is to enhance teaching and engagement with sustainability issues by infusing sustainability into the curriculum at the University of Scranton. To date, sixty-five faculty have participated in the workshop across many disciplines.

EDUCATION FOR JUSTICE:

The Education for Justice Program will have its theme for 2011-2012 "Looking for Justice After 9/11." The new director for the program is Michael Allison of the political science department.

SENIOR FELLOW FOR INTERNATIONAL, CULTURAL, AND CIVIC PROJECTS:

Interdependence Day

On September 12, we celebrated Interdependence Day, a program Ms. Myers cofounded in 2003. Professor Patrice Brodeur, who holds the Canada Chair on Islam, Pluralism and Globalization at the University of Montreal, was the speaker.

The Schemel Forum

"University of a Day" featured our own Joe Krause, speaking on Philip Roth, and Katie Meier, speaking on the lessons of history of the future of environmentalism, along with one of the nation's most distinguished Constitutional Scholars, Akhil Amar of the Yale Law School. He was joined by a colleague David

In addition to the "University for a Day", The Schemel Forum has a very full fall program, featuring three courses (philosophy, physics and history), five world affairs luncheon seminars and a bus trip to Newark, NJ.

In addition the Schemel Forum is involved in several collaborative programs, one with the Friends of the Weinberg Library, offering public programs for an exhibition that they have acquired from the American Library Association on Jewish Songwriters, and one in cooperation with Pages and Places—presenting “Light in August” a three part series of lectures at a downtown venue .