

TO: Faculty Senate

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SUBJECT: Academic Affairs Report for October 2018

1. Strategic Enrollment Plan Update

The Strategic Enrollment Planning kickoff for the working groups was held on September 25th. This was the first time that we convened the five different working

3. Dead Week

In Spring 2018, Faculty Senate passed a resolution on the monitoring of “Dead Week”, which requested that the Provost investigate who has been authorized to give waivers for the Dead Week policy and how many have been granted.

While it is difficult for me to fully investigate this matter since I was not on campus at the time, I did find documentation that Dr. Dreisbach reached out to the Deans after the resolution was passed. Last week, I also contacted them verify their answers.

From these correspondences, I can report:

In consultation with Dr. Marx, Dr. Spalletta, and Dr. Squire the following dates were sent to the faculty regarding the deadlines for submitting curriculum proposals. This year the CCC deadlines were included in the memo. The dates allow the reviewing bodies' sufficient time to review and approve curriculum proposals for the inclusion in the 2019-2020 catalogs.

All proposals _____ by the dates indicated below:

Courses requesting GE attribute(s) for first offerings in
Interession/Spring 2019 August 31, 2018

Courses requesting GE attribute(s) for first offerings in
Summer/Fall 2019 February 1, 2019

representatives, and Iordanis Petsas will serve as the At-Large faculty representative. The remainder of the search committee is being finalized and will be announced to the campus shortly. We have hired a search firm, Academic Search, to ensure that we have the largest pool of potential applicants. The position description will be finalized and distributed for applicants by the end of October. We hope to have finalists on campus at the beginning of the spring semester.

College of Arts and Sciences

As announced by Fr. Pilarz at his Presidential Inauguration ceremony, the University has received a one million dollar gift to establish a Center for Humanities at The University of Scranton. Fr. Pilarz, Dean Conniff and I have met with the faculty leaders of the current Humanities Initiative to provide updates on current initiatives and to begin planning for the vision and strategy of the new Center.