

TO: Faculty Senate Report

FROM: Donald R. Boomgaarden, Ph.D.
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

DATE: February 5, 2016

RE: Provost's Report for February

I. SPRING CONVOCATION:

The Spring Convocation is schedule for Thursday, February 16th from 11:30 to 1:00 pm in the DeNaples Center.

II. ASSESSMENT UPDATE:

Monitoring Report: The University is required to submit a monitoring Report to the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) by April 1, 2016. In preparation, the Office of Educational Assessment (OEA) is working with programs to put their assessment plans into action, identify reliable measurement tools, and assist faculty in the analysis of evidence collected on student learning outcomes. The goal is to facilitate a common understanding of the MSCHE standards on assessment of student learning, prepare programs to implement assessment practices, and use the results to improve student learning.

Program Assessment Reports: Dr. Harrington will be contacting CAS chairs and program directors about additional reviews and decisions that were made (since the summer) about assessment findings reported in the 2014-2015 annual report.

III. FACULTY SEARCHES:

We are conducting thirteen faculty searches; as of this date four have been successfully concluded.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE SEARCHES:

The searches for the Associate Provost and for the Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness have been suspended. A new position description, which combines the duties of these two positions, will be developed in the coming months, with a goal of posting the position in the early fall of 2016.

V. RANK AND TENURE:

The Board on Rank and Tenure held formal meetings on January 15, 16 and 22 to review application of eighteen candidates. The President received the recommendations from the Board on Rank and Tenure, and we are awaiting his decision. All candidates will be informed of the decision in a meeting with the Provost.

VI. FULBRIGHT NOMINATIONS:

I am delighted to report that Dr. Trussler has notified me that five of this year's eight Fulbright candidates have been recommended as national semi-finalist. There were over 10,000 applicants this year for the approximately 1,500 awards nationwide. Each country will now select the Fulbright recipient from the semi-finalist list for that country. These decisions can be made any time between February 15th and June 1st.

New Course:

BIOL 357/NEUR 357: Developmental Neuroscience 9/22/15

Course Change:

INTD 201C: Christian Classics I 11/4/15

Course Deletion:

INTD 202C: Christian Classics II 11/4/15

SPAN 433: Hispanic Lyric Poetry 10/1/15

XI. COLLEGE UPDATES:

College of Arts and Sciences

Five University of Scranton students majoring in biochemistry, cell and molecular biology (BCBM) recently presented their research at the 2015 American Society for Cell Biology (ASCB) annual conference, held in December in San Diego, California.

Kania School of Management

Nearly 70 high school students accompanied by 115 parents and guardians from 6 states attended

