

TO: Faculty Senate

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

DATE: September 6, 2013

RE: Academic Affairs Report for September 2013

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**1. FACULTY HIRING:**

We hired 18 new faculty members and made 26 non-tenure track re-appointments for 2013-2014. There is 1 tenure tract associate professor, 10 tenure track assistant professors, 4 lecturers, 25 faculty specialists, 1 visiting associate professor, and 3 visiting assistant professors for a total of 44. (**cf. Appendix I**).

The new faculty orientation session conducted on August 22<sup>rd</sup> covered issues on classroom

**4. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS UPDATES:**

**Faculty Travel:**

Faculty Travel funds supported 151 faculty traveling to 223 conferences in 2012-2013.

**Sabbaticals:**

The following faculty will be taking sabbaticals during the 2013-2014 academic year:

**Fall 2013**

Brian Carpenter  
Jones DeRitter  
Kathleen Dwyer  
Debra Fetherman  
John Levko  
Catherine Lovecchio  
Kevin Nordberg  
William Parente

**Spring 2014**

David Friedrichs  
Robyn Lawrence  
Hong Nguyen  
Lee Penyak  
Maria Squire  
Kimberly Subasic  
Jennifer Vasquez  
Argyrios Varonides  
Patricia Wright

**Academic Year 2013-2014**

Rebecca Beal  
Marzia Caporale  
Mary Jane DiMattio  
Meghan Rich

**January – July 2013**

Michael Knies

**Calendar Year 2013**

Michael Allison

**7. ENROLLMENT**

Enrollment for the class of 2017 is at 889.

**8. RESEARCH SERVICES:**

**Eight Summer Presidential Scholarships were awarded for summer 2013.**

Dustin Frisbie (Declan Mulhall) – *Determining the Spectral Statistics of Randomly Interacting Nuclear Bosons*

Emily Harasym (George Gomez) – *The Effects of Retinoic Acid on Neuroblastoma Growth and Differentiation*

Scott Holdren (David Rusak) – *Trace Elemental Analysis of Human Hair*

Paul Pearson (Argyrios C. Varonides) – *Higher efficiency AIAs/GaInP/GaAs p-i-n solar cells, via Tuned GaAs-Ge multi-layers embedded in the intrinsic region: A paradigm for quantum photovoltaics*

Michael Sayad (John Deak) – *The Effectiveness of Cyclomethicones as Chemical Permeation Enhancers for Transdermal Drug Delivery*

Martha Triano (Jessica Nolan) – *Heuristics and Social Norms: A Potential Interaction in Recycling Behavior*

Alexander Barbolish (Kathryn Meier) – *Jubal Early Biography*

Stephen Gadowski (Paul Cutrufello) – *An Evaluation of Muscle Imbalance and the Presence of Upper and Lower Crossed Syndromes in Powerlifters*

For list of ORSP committees and meeting dates see (cf. **Appendix III**)

**9. INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES:**

**International Student and Scholar Services**

In fall 2012, 126 students from 17 different countries including 25 in the exchange program studied at the University. Spring 2013 numbers are similar – 118 students including 26 exchange students. These numbers include the seven Irish scholars in the Redington Scholars Program.

In fall 2013, 39 new international students arrived on campus, including 23 international exchange students.

A new ISSS website was developed by staff and students and launched in spring 2013.

**Study Abroad**

In 2012-13, 192 UofS students studied abroad. Of these, 90 participated in UofS Faculty-Led Study Abroad courses (FLSA). Of the 102 remaining students 15 studied abroad in fall 12, 51 in spring 13, and 2 for the entire academic year; 21 students studied abroad in January 2013 and 13 students did so in Summer 2013.

The University ran 10 FLSA “projects” (12 individual courses but two of the FLSA projects included cross listed courses) to 7 different countries.

17 University students are studying abroad in fall 2014. There are 3 Faculty-Led Study Abroad (FLSA) courses scheduled for January 2014 and 2 FLSA “projects” currently scheduled for summer 2014 although that number is expected to increase.

In 2013-14 SA will be moving forward with a number of projects to enhance the program, including an outreach program to academic departments intended to integrate SA options with program curriculum.

A new Study Abroad Advisory Committee will begin its activity in fall 2013. Faculty representatives are: Dr. Jamie Trnka, Dr. Abhijit Roy and Dr. Elizabeth Jacob.

**Internationalization**

A new committee to examine “internationalizing “ the University will begin its work on this project in fall 2013. Faculty representatives are: Dr. Ann Pang-White, Dr. Linda Ledford-Miller, Dr. Daniel West and Dr. Susan Trussler.

**10. Conference Committee on Curriculum:**

**Proposal Reviews**

The CCC reviewed 37 proposals, including a set of proposals to address the new first-year seminar program. In summer the CCC also reviewed 2 proposals for the new Eloquencia Perfecta core course options (introductory level)

**11. SUSTAINABILITY:**

**Sustainability Task Force Workshop:**

In May 2013, the ninth sustainability workshop was conducted with seven 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, eighty faculty have participated in the workshop across many disciplines.

**12. EDUCATION FOR JUSTICE: The 2013-14 Annual Theme is Sustainable Memory:**

More and more “sustainability” is moving from being recognized as an environmental practice to being thought of as an overarching mindset – what does it mean to approach all aspects of our lives and work in a sustainable manner? It is with this question in mind that Education for Justice will explore the concept of Sustainable Memory

#### 14. 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 September 7, 2013 through January 5, 2014

**The New York Trumpet Ensemble** – September 7<sup>th</sup>

**In Recital** – Gregory Zelek, organist – September 21<sup>st</sup>

**In Recital** – University of Scranton Performance Music Student – October 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Pre-Concert Music-Talk** – Loren Schoenberg, Artistic Director, National Jazz Museum in Harlem – October 19<sup>th</sup>

**In Concert** – Wycliffe Gordon, trombonist with The University of Scranton Jazz Band – October 19<sup>th</sup>

**Halloween Concert** – The University of Scranton Jazz Band with surprise guests – October 30<sup>th</sup>

**In Recital** - Andrew Gonzalez, viola and Christine Wu, piano – November 9<sup>th</sup>

**In Concert** – The University of Scranton String Orchestra – November 15<sup>th</sup>

**In Concert** – The University of Scranton Concert Band – November 24<sup>th</sup>

**44<sup>th</sup> Annual Noel Night** – The University of Scranton Singers, Chamber Choir, and String Ensemble with guest harpist Andre Tarantiles – December 7<sup>th</sup>

**Empty Stocking Fund Benefit Concert** – The Scranton Brass OrcheBT1 0 06r iM(T)4(al)-4(k)JTJET[163

**2013-2014 New Faculty**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Department</b>
Michael Azar	Assistant	Theology/Religious Studies
Jessica Bachman	Assistant	Exercise Science & Sport
Arthur Catino	Assistant	Chemistry
Julie Cerrito	Assistant	Counseling & Human Services
Christopher Dunbar	Faculty Specialist	Occupational Therapy
Robert Giambatista	Associate	Management/Marketing
Zachary Huard	Visiting Assistant Professor	Physics/EE
Michael Jenkins	Assistant	Sociology/Criminal Justice
Mary Kovalski	Faculty Specialist	Nursing
Erica Lasek-Nesselquist	Assistant	Biology
Yibai Li	Assistant	Operations & Information Management
Lori Magnuson	Assistant	Counseling & Human Services
Patrick Orr	Visiting Assistant Professor	Psychology
Adam Pratt	Visiting Assistant Professor	History
Mary Elaine Southard	Faculty Specialist	Nursing
Benjamin Willis	Assistant	Counseling & Human Services
Melissa Wright	Faculty Specialist	Accounting
Dawei Zhang	Assistant	Operations & Information Management

## Appendix II

CPS

Nursing

Dr. Patricia H

**Office of Research and Sponsored Programs**

- **Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee (IACUC)**

Gary Kwiecinski, Ph.D., Chair	Biology
Stefanie Colarusso **	Everhart Museum of National History
Timothy Foley, Ph.D.	Chemistry
Robert Noto, DVM	Veterinarian
Nezka Pfeiffer *	Everhart Museum of National History
Charles Pinches, Ph.D.	Theology
Marc Seid, Ph.D.	Biology
Robert Waldeck, Ph.D.	Biology
Christine Zakzewski, Ph.D.	Physics
Michael Baltrusaitis ***	Cocciardi & Associates
Tabbi Miller-Scandle, Ph.D. ***	Director of Research and Sponsored Programs

Tuesday, April 22, 2014  
Tuesday, May 27, 2014

IMBM Conference Room 204  
IMBM Conference Room 204

- **Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects (IRB)**

Margarete Zalon, Ph.D., Chair	Nursing
Jeanne A. Bovard *	Community Representative
Scott Breloff, Ph.D.	Exercise Science
Bryan Burnham, Ph.D.	Psychology
Irene Goll, Ph.D.	Management and Marketing
Jordan Knically ***	Institutional Assessment
Vanessa A. Talarico, Ed.D.	Education
Patrick Tully, Ph.D.	Philosophy
Therese Kurilla ***	Grants Manager
Tabbi Miller-Scandle, Ph.D.	Director of Research and Sponsored Programs

\*\*\*Non-voting \*Community representative

**IRB Meeting Schedule**

Tuesday, September 17, 2013  
Tuesday, October 22, 2013  
Tuesday, November 19, 2013  
Tuesday, December 17, 2013  
Tuesday, February 18, 2014  
Tuesday, March 18, 2014  
Tuesday, April 15, 2014  
Tuesday, May 20, 2014

**All meetings begin at 11:30 a.m.**

Casey Conference Room (BRN 502)  
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BRN 314

- **Faculty Research Committee (FRC)**

Joseph Dreisbach, Ph.D., Chair	Associate Provost & Director of Research
Michael Allison, Ph.D.	Political Science
Carol Cote', Ph.D.	Occupational Therapy
Renee Hakim, Ph.D.	Physical Therapy
Susan Poulson, Ph.D.	History
James Roberts, Ph.D.	Sociology/Criminal Justice & Criminology
Robert Smith, Ph.D.	Biology
Nabil Tamimi, Ph.D.	Operations Management
Jennifer Vasquez, Ph.D.	Mathematics
El-Habib Zanzana, Ph.D.	World Languages and Cultures
Eloise Libassi*	Sponsored Programs Coordinator (ORSP)
Therese Kurilla*	Grants Manager (ORSP)
Tabbi Miller-Scandle, Ph.D.*	Dir. of Research and Sponsored Programs

\*Ex officio, non-voting

**FRC Meeting Schedule**

Thursday, September 19, 2013  
Thursday, October 17, 2013  
Thursday, November 21, 2013  
Thursday, December 19, 2013  
Thursday, February 20, 2014

**All meetings begin at 11:30 a.m.**

TDC 406  
STT 115  
BRN 502 (Casey Conference Room)  
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Thursday, March 20, 2014  
Thursday, April 17, 2014  
Thursday, May 22, 2014

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