TO: Faculty Senate

FROM: Michelle Maldonado, Ph.D.

Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

DATE: May 5, 2023

RE: May 2023 Provost Report

## **Board of Trustees Update**

The Education Committee of the Board of Trustees highlighted faculty-student collaborations with presentations on Community Based Learning and the PILLAR Program.

The Board of Trustees approved the Faculty Handbook language changes presented to them regarding the annual evaluation process and the librarian sabbatical language.

## **Provost Staff Searches**

We are currently in BTFaage changesage cha changes dTm0 gda/F1 11.04(ang1 0c.2003.71 Tm 503.71 Tm11(es)1 0 0pos12

## **Department Chair Elections**

The results of the election for eleven department chairs are listed below:

Janice Voltzow Biology

Richard Plishka Computing Sciences

Iordanis Petsas Economics, Finance and International Business

Maria Oreshkina Education

Susan Mendez English and Theatre

Peter Andersen Management, Marketing and Entrepreneurship

W. Andrew Berger Physics/Electrical Engineering

Michael Allison Political Science

Christie Karpiak Psychology

Michael Jenkins Criminal Justice, Cybersecurity, and Sociology

Maria Poggi Johnson Theology/Religious Studies

## **Faculty Development**

The following faculty and students have been awarded a President's Fellowship for Summer 2023 Research:

Jong-Hyun Son/Gabrielle Bingener Developmental Hypoxia as a Risk Factor of Substance

Abuse Disorders in Zebrafish

Joe Brague/Jacob Mohring Irisin-Hormones and their role in Par

Marc Seid/Stephen Butler The Effect of Social Isolation on Rates of Addiction and

Neurochemistry in Camponotus Floridanus

Vincent Farallo/Caitlin Doughton The Effects of Alkaloid Sequestration on Poison Frog

Metabolism

Vincent Farallo/Emma Hughes The Effect of Predator Cues on the Physiology of P.

Cinereus

Timothy Foley/Dominick Spera Characterization of Thiols on the Glycolytic Enzyme

Enolase as a Regulatory Switch Sensitive to Metabolic

Stress

JoyAnna Hopper/Shelby Traver The Pandemic Within a Pandemic: Assessing the Impact of

Covid-19 on Non-Profit Serving Women of Northeastern

Pennsylvania

Gary Kwiecinski/Samantha Pickering

Bat Species Richness and Activity in Northeast

Pennsylvania at Lackawanna State Park

Marc Seid/Nicholas Tomassoni The Effects of Recombinant Erythropoietin on

Synaptogenesis in Camponotus Floridanus

Marc Seid/Miriam Van de Water The Effects of Rising Temperature in Pheidole dentata

**Updates** 

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