

TO: Faculty Senate

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SUBJECT: Provost Report for September 14, 2022

1. Rank and Tenure

A public meeting to inform faculty of the rank and tenure policies and procedures was held on September 20th. Fifteen faculty have applied for tenure and/or promotion for 2022-2023. One faculty member applied for full professor, six have applied for associate, three have applied for tenure and promotion, and five have applied for tenure. The deadline for submitting dossiers and CVs is October 22, 2022.

2. Rankings

U.S. News & World Report ranked us No. 5 among regional universities in the north in its 2023 guidebook. This is the 29th consecutive year we ranked in the top 10.

Forbes ranked the University of Scranton among “America’s Top Colleges” for the 14th year. We are the only college in Northeast Pennsylvania to be named among the just 498 elite colleges in the nation listed in the 2022 ranking.

The Princeton Review included Scranton in its list of “Best Colleges” for 21 consecutive years, and ranked us No. 7 in the nation for “Best Science Lab Facilities in the 2023 edition of the guidebook.

Washington Monthly ranked the University of Scranton No. 47 among 603 master’s universities in the nation based on their contribution to the public good in three broad categories: social mobility, research, and providing opportunities for public service.

3. Global Education

Fall 2022 International Students

Country	Graduate			Undergraduate			Grand Total
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	
Bangladesh		1	1				1
Cayman Island				1		1	1
China (PRC)	1		1	2	1	3	4
Czech Republic	1		1				1
Dominican Republic							

Italy	1		1				1
Japan				1 (EV)		1 (EV)	1 (EV)
Jordan	1		1				1
Mexico					1 (EV)	1 (EV)	1 (EV)
Nepal	1		1		1	1	2
Nigeria		1	1				1
Pakistan	1	2	3	1		1	4
Philippines					1	1	1
Saudi Arabia	13	4	17	1		1	18

Course Change

NURS 250: Physical Health	5/11/22
NURS 250L: Physical Health Lab	5/11/22
PT 714: Orthopedic PT II	10/4/22
PT 714L: Orthopedic PT Lab II	10/4/22

4. Updates

- The Speech Language Pathology CAA candidacy site visit on September 7 &8 went extremely well, thanks to the expertise and hard work of Program Director Dr. Hope Baylow and a cast of supporting faculty and staff. We are currently accepting admissions applications for the first cohort of students for the MS in SLP, who will be admitted in Fall of 2023.
- PCPS will resume a majority of our international travel courses and international service trips this Intersession and Summer terms after most have been on a hiatus due to the pandemic. Courses are on the master schedule for travel to Uganda (Nursing and Health Administration), Ireland (Nursing), Brazil (Health Administration), the Dominican Republic (Occupational Therapy) and Slovakia (Health Administration). PT has a faculty-led service trip planned to Guatemala.

- The Library has moved to a new service model which utilizes the main service point—the Library Services Desk (formerly the Circulation Desk)—to refer all student and faculty inquiries to the appropriate person. The Research & Instruction Librarians have moved to an On-Call model to support the change in services and will provide one-on-one and small group consultations directly in their offices. The Library’s two main phone numbers x7524 and x4000 are both still active.
- The Library has secured access to Kanopy Base for the remainder of this Academic Year, which dramatically increases our streaming media offerings on the Kanopy streaming service.
- A Featured Media collection of DVDs and Blu-Rays has been added to the Library’s Lobby.
- The Library is currently hosting an exhibit on the 30th Anniversary of the Library in the Heritage Room that will remain up until approximately March 2023. The exhibit focuses on the building and the Library’s educational and cultural programming.
- An exhibit on the 50th Anniversary of Co-Education at Scranton will be up during the week of October 11 and remain on display until April 2023. The exhibit focuses on the process that brought women into the undergraduate student population between 1970 and 1973. The exhibit also covers earlier educational opportunities for women at The University’s evening school and graduate school starting in 1923.
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- **Assessment of Academic Affairs** We will assess centralized University-wide academic initiatives within the Provost's Office in view of the evaluation of our General Education program, global education, academic support, and the current enrollment and demographic landscape of higher education.
- **Highlight the Distinctiveness of our Liberal Arts Education** We will foreground our Liberal Arts core curriculum broadly and the strength of our Humanities in particular as an expression of our Catholic and Jesuit educational mission that cultivates critical competencies for our students as they discern their academic vocation and professional journey.
- **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion** We will support the implementation of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Strategic Plan in collaboration with the Council on Diversity and Inclusion, as well as distinctive initiatives within our Schools/Colleges and the Library. We will cultivate a culture of belonging considering our increasingly diverse student body.
- **Foster a Cohesive Vision of the University** We will collaborate with faculty to develop a cohesive and inclusive vision of Academic Affairs at the University while respecting the distinct uniqueness of our academic offerings, both undergraduate and graduate. We will support the professional development of faculty in their research and teaching through cross-disciplinary initiatives.