

TO: Faculty Senate

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RE: Provost's Report for November, 2014

I. MIDDLE STATES UPDATE:

We will learn the outcome of the Monitoring Report response, and of any changes to our accreditation status (i.e., if the warning is to be lifted), following a meeting of the Middle States Commission in late November.

II. RANK AND TENURE:

The rank and tenure process, as stipulated by the *Faculty Handbook*, is underway. Departments and deans will be presenting their evaluations of the candidates during the month of November, and the Board of Rank and Tenure will begin their review of candidate's files on December 11th. The formal meetings of the Board are scheduled for January 9, 10, 16, and 17, 2015. We have 28 candidates this year.

III. FACULTY SEARCHES:

A combined ad was placed in the Chronicle of Higher Education in the October 24th edition announcing 21 faculty openings. The listings will also be posted to the Provost's website. <http://matrix.scranton.edu/academics/provost/newfacpos.shtml>

IV. GRANTS

Intersession Grants:

The Faculty Development Committee reviewed 12 applications from faculty for January session grants and awarded 9 grants to the following faculty members:

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| Jinghan Cai | <i>Short-Selling, Information Asymmetry and Noise Traders</i> |
| Patrick M. Clark | <i>Practical implications of a Non-Dualist Eschatology for the Consideration of Future Consciousness as a Motive for Medical Care</i> |
| Shuhua Fan | <i>Francis Knight's Scheme and the Harvard Chinese Class, 1877-1882</i> |
| Michael W. Fennie | <i>A Practical Route to Nitrile-Tagged Amino Acid Derivatives for use as Probes in Protein Folding Studies</i> |

Kania School of Management

The 29th Annual Henry George Lecture, sponsored by the Department of Economics and Finance, Omicron Delta Epsilon & The Robert Schalkenbach Foundation was held on October 30th. The lecture featured Dr. Philippe Aghion, Professor of Economics at Harvard University. The title of Dr. Aghion's lecture was "*What Do We Learn From Schumpeterian Growth Theory?*"

Panuska College of Professional Studies

PCPS hosted the 13th Annual disAbilities Conference on October 29th, Co-chaired by Lori Bruch and Rebecca Spirito Dalgin, the theme of the conference was "Faith, Family & Future: Rehabilitation *with* Results".

Weinberg Memorial Library

The University of Scranton's Friends of the Weinberg Memorial Library honored best-selling author Colum McCann with the 2014 Royden B. Davis, S.J., Distinguished Author Award. The event supports the Friends of the Library Endowment Fund. Known as a writer of style and substance, McCann has been called a "poetic realist," a gifted writer who is adept at combining historical figures and situations with fictional characters. His books include "Dancer," "Transatlantic" and "Let the Great World Spin."

International Student and Scholar Services:

International Students

Sixty-one new international students from 13 different countries arrived on campus in fall 2014. Of these, 33 are degree-seeking students and 28 are exchange students.

Study Abroad

Twenty-four University students are studying abroad in fall 2014. They are at 10 different countries and represent 19 different major programs within the University.

The task force to examine "internationalizing" the University began its conversations in spring 2014. These will continue in 2014-15 with a report expected later in spring 2015. Faculty representatives are: Dr. Ann Pang-White, Dr. Linda Ledford-Miller, Dr. Daniel West and Dr. Susan Trussler.

Brown Bag Luncheons:

There were two Brown Bag Luncheons held during the month of October. The topic for the October 2nd luncheon was *Middle States monitoring report: Next Steps*. It was attended by 11 faculty and the topic for the October 21st luncheon was *Internationalizing the Campus* which was attended by 12 faculty members. The next Brown Bag luncheon is scheduled for November 18th.

Book Read and Dinner:

The book read and dinner was rescheduled to November 6th.