

TO: Faculty Senate Report

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

DATE: February 5, 2013

RE: Provost's Report for February 8, 2013

I. SPRING CONVOCATION:

At the Spring Convocation last week Fr. Quinn shared a few proposals aimed at advancing the vision of the University.

- Shared Governance – proposes that faculty, staff and administrative leaders convene to discuss how to advance the notion of “shared governance” on campus.
- Strategic Financial Planning – senior administrative leaders are currently working to identifying a process that will allow us to navigate through the financial challenges we continue to face and put us in the best position for ongoing success.
- New Academic Programs – Fr. encouraged faculty leaders to continue as the vanguard to identify new academic programs including on-line programs. Focus on the delivery of a current, compelling and competitive curriculum.
- A Second Look at TCMC – Fr. continues to believe that some affiliation with TCMC is in the University's future best interest
- Improved Athletic Facilities -- senior university leaders continue to plan how the University might finance and construct a state-of-the-art athletic campus in Southside Scranton. This will allow us to become a Division III school that will attract a robust stream of academically gifted students who want to play intercollegiate sports.

II. FACULTY SEARCHES:

We are conducting sixteen faculty searches; as of this date five have been successfully concluded.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE SEARCHES:

Gary R. Olsen, Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations began his duties on February 4, 2013. For the past twenty years, Gary has served as Associate Vice President for Alumni Relations and Executive Director of the Alumni Association at Villanova University.

VIII. FACULTY DEVELOPMENT:

Grant Proposals/Clavius Funding:

Calls for proposals for Clavius Funding and Summer Grant Application were sent out to faculty on January 28th.

Provost Faculty Enhancement Award

X. CURRICULUM APPROVALS:

	Date Posted
Course Change	
NURS 493: Nursing Research to	3/9/12
NURS 590: Rural Health Course	10/24/12

New Minor	
Studio Art Minor	7/30/12

XI. OFFICE OF EQUITY AND DIVERSITY

XII. OFFICE OF RESEARCH SERVICES and SPONSORED PROGRAMS:

XIII. CIVIC ENGAGEMENT:

Education for Justice

In just the last few years, the reality of increasing economic inequality has come to dominate much of our nation's political discourse. Changes to the tax code that have disproportionately benefited upper-income earners, Wall Street privilege, the housing crisis, and the global economic slowdown have thrown many Americans' economic situations into doubt. This has been particularly true for our nation's most vulnerable. As a consequence, the Education for Justice Board selected Inequality as this year's annual theme. In support of this theme the Education for Justice Program has planned and sponsored a variety of events and activities during the Sprthe

XIV. STUDY ABROAD AND INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS:

XV. SENIOR FELLOW, INTERNATIONAL, CULTURAL, AND CIVIC PROJECTS:

The Schemel Forum

After a very successful fall semester we are about to launch the spring semester. The community is enthusiastic about the offerings, our membership is growing and we are exploring the possibilities of an outreach program in the summer.

Luncheon Seminars

- *Democracy as a Political Project:*

- *FEBRUARY: In Concert* featuring saxophonist Ted Nash (Grammy nominated composer/arranger and saxophonist with the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra) with pianist Frank Kimbrough.
- *FEBRUARY: 5th Annual Gene Yevich Memorial Concert* featuring The University of Scranton Jazz Band with guest soloists Mark Gould and Joseph Boga (trumpets), and solo and duo performan