

TO: Faculty Senate

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Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

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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 BT page changesage cha changesd Tm0 gda/F1 11.04(ang1 0c.2o03.71 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	<i>Developmental Hypoxia as a Risk Factor of Substance Abuse Disorders in Zebrafish</i>
Joe Brague/Jacob Mohring	<i>Irisin-Hormones and their role in Par</i>
Marc Seid/Stephen Butler	<i>The Effect of Social Isolation on Rates of Addiction and Neurochemistry in <i>Camponotus Floridanus</i></i>
Vincent Farallo/Caitlin Doughton	<i>The Effects of Alkaloid Sequestration on Poison Frog Metabolism</i>
Vincent Farallo/Emma Hughes	<i>The Effect of Predator Cues on the Physiology of <i>P. Cinereus</i></i>
Timothy Foley/Dominick Spera	<i>Characterization of Thiols on the Glycolytic Enzyme Enolase as a Regulatory Switch Sensitive to Metabolic Stress</i>
JoyAnna Hopper/Shelby Traver	<i>The Pandemic Within a Pandemic: Assessing the Impact of Covid-19 on Non-Profit Serving Women of Northeastern Pennsylvania</i>
Gary Kwiecinski/Samantha Pickering	<i>Bat Species Richness and Activity in Northeast Pennsylvania at Lackawanna State Park</i>
Marc Seid/Nicholas Tomassoni	<i>The Effects of Recombinant Erythropoietin on Synaptogenesis in <i>Camponotus Floridanus</i></i>
Marc Seid/Miriam Van de Water	<i>The Effects of Rising Temperature in <i>Pheidole dentata</i></i>

Updates