

TO: Faculty Senate Report
FROM: Jeff Gingerich
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
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RE: 3 U R Y R V W 1 1 M a y H S R U W I R U

END OF SEMESTER THANK YOU

As we come to the end of the 2020-2021 academic year, I want to express my profound gratitude for all that faculty have done to make this year successful. The pandemic and other unexpected trials have tested our capacity for the key ingredients of a liberal arts and humanities education in all departments. You had to apply our critical and creative thinking, problem-solving skills, and ability to deliver academic excellence in a very different environment. Thank you.

As we wrap up the semester, I have scheduled one more online open discussion for faculty. This will take place on Thursday, May 13th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. I will plan on staying on the Zoom for the entire time in case some faculty are not able to get on until later in the day because of final exams. I will send an invitation with Zoom information soon.

PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION

Fr. Marina is looking forward to coming on board and has already had good discussions with Faculty Senate and FAC leadership. His official start date is June 15th although he will be moving to campus in the days prior.

ASSOCIATE PROVOST SEARCH

The search committee has reviewed the applications, conducted Zoom interviews and have invited three finalists to interview. An Open Forum for faculty and staff to meet each candidate have been scheduled for May 11th from 3:00 to 4:00 pm, May 12 from 3:00 to 4:00 and May 14 from 2:00 to 3:00 pm. Given the size of the audience the forums will take place over Zoom.

LIBRARY DEAN SEARCH

After further consideration based on the good feedback I have received, I have decided that we will work with faculty, staff and students to select individuals who can serve on a search committee and hope to convene that group in May so that we can advertise the position over the summer. This will allow the possibility of a hire by either January or summer 2022. We will use a search firm this time. Thanks to all who have offered important questions, insights and counsel regarding next steps in our search for a Dean of the Library. Please let me know if you have any questions.

GENERAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR

It is my pleasure to announce that Maria Squire has been selected as the General Education Coordinator for a three-year term starting Fall 2021. Maria has extensive experience in the curriculum approval process here at Scranton and has served as the GE coordinator

during this academic year. Additionally, Maria has served on the Curriculum Conference Committee (CCC) for nine years and served as its Chair from 2017. She has also served the past 2 years as the Chair of the Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee (FSCC) and has been a member of the Faculty Senate.

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Natalie Gilboy
Sayed Banitabaei

Faculty Specialist

Nursing

CURRICULUM APPROVALS
New Course

career and includes some photographs, press briefing books for presidential summit meetings, and books autographed by politicians and journalist colleagues. Special Collections Librarian Michael Knies and Professor Emeritus of History Frank Homer also conducted an oral history with Gibbons.

™ The Library is hosting its 10th Environmental Art Show virtually this year. The exhibit which can be viewed at <https://digitalprojects.scranton.edu/s/environmental-exhibit/>. The exhibition was coordinated by Professor Marleen Cloutier, and also includes a selection of photos from previous exhibits.

™ Save the Date: Thursday, October 14, 2021. The 20th Annual U.S. Conference on disABILITY in partnership with the ALLONE Foundation and Autism Collaborative Centers of Excellence.