

Provost Update to Senate September 10, 2020

The provost newsletter is being delivered in a new format, and will now be posted to the Provost Office website instead of sent through email distribution. By posting this newsletter to the website, the information is able to breathe and remain viable for longer. Likewise, I am able to post previous newsletters to the same website in their PDF version.

The newsletter also introduces the newest faculty members to their University colleagues. It can be found at provost.catholic.edu/newsletters.

GRADUATE ENROLLMENT

Data from Financial Planning, Institutional Research and Assessment NEW MASTERS AND DOCTORAL STUDENTS BY SCHOOL (9/8/2020)

School	New Masters		New Doctoral		Total Graduates	
	Total New Masters	Budget for Total New Masters	Total New Doctoral	Budget for Total New Doctoral	Total New Graduates	Budget for Total New Graduates
Architecture	35	28			35	28
Arts and Sciences	65	73	37	32	102	105
Business	35	64			35	64
Canon Law	32	28	2		34	28
Engineering	46	49	9	12	55	61
Joint Degrees	1	1			1	1
Metropolitan	21	35			21	35
Metropolitan Online	9	10			9	10
Music, Drama and Art	15	15	9	6	24	21
Nursing	6	9	1	3	7	12
Nursing Online	14	7	6	8	20	15
Philosophy	8	6	7	7	15	13
Theology	56	55	14	14	70	69
Social Service	40	40	1	4	41	44
Social Service Online	43	35			43	35
Total	426	455	86	86	512	541

CLASSROOM RETROFITTING

- About 80 classrooms have been outfitted with very good video conference equipment which you can use for your online classroom experience. You can schedule them to be used for your courses and should take advantage of them if you wish. The equipment is much better than most of us have at home.
- Talk to Lynn Mayer and Julie Isha to schedule use of classrooms

CONTINUED TRAINING FOR FACULTY

- There is a large and growing number of resources available for instructional support at the Center for Teaching Excellence: centerforteaching.catholic.edu

GLOBAL STRATEGIES

- We are currently planning programs for the Spring and Summer 2021 in Rome. Application deadline for the Spring is 10/01 and faculty can advertise that to their students. We will have a limited number of other programs abroad due to the fiscal situation and to the fact that we will have our own Rome Center with 70 slots. Students can petition for other programs than Rome through our website (cuabroad.catholic.edu).
- Faculty led summer programs in Rome are welcome. Contact Vice Provost Duilia de Mello for more information.

LIBRARIES

- Plans are in the works to reopen Mullen Library's study spaces on 09/14. Hours will be reduced (11:00AM to 7:00PM). Study spaces will be available by reservation via the Library website (2 hour block with 45 minutes in between for cleaning). Students living off campus will be able to make reservations.
- Books will continue to be circulated through curbside pickup.
- Special Collections are accommodating requests either by in-person visits or remotely. Contact librarians for any assistance.
- Updates are posted on <https://guides.lib.cua.edu/covid-19>

RECENT AWARDS

- Dr. Christopher Raub in Biomedical Engineering was awarded an NIH R03 for "A high-throughput, in vitro screening system for treatment of oral mucositis in cancer" (\$291,161)
- The University's "Jumpstart for Children" program was renewed for the 2020-2021 academic year under the direction of Dr. Lynn Mayer in the Provost's Office.

- NIH's National Institute for Biomedical Engineering and Bioengineering awarded Dr. Lin-Ching Chang in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science an award for support of "TORTOISE: Diffusion MRI Processing Pipeline Infrastructure (\$108,820)