

Provost Update to Senate September 24, 2020

ENROLLMENT

- As of 9/23/2020, Fall 2020 enrollment:
 - Undergraduate headcount 3055 vs. 3338 (budget) or 8.5% below budget
 - Graduate headcount 1909 vs. 1943 (budget) or 1.7% below budget
 - Law headcount 402 vs. 428 (budget) or 6.1% below budget

TEACHING

- Early course evaluation process implemented. Surveys on each undergraduate and graduate class were launched on Sept 15 and closed on Sept 23. Data will be distributed to deans and CTE will be asked to provide support as appropriate
 - Scale question on how class going
 - Several qualitative questions: stop, start, continue, comment
- Progress report campaign via Cardinal Success for all undergraduate students. Emails sent on Sept 23 and campaign will close Sept 30. CACS, DOS, and Associate Deans will be asked to follow up to support students as appropriate.
 - 6858 requests sent related to first year students
 - 15980 requests sent related to upperclass students
- Midterm grades will be due for all undergraduate students. Grades will be entered into Cardinal Students.
 - SGA resolution
 - Intervention as needed
- Guidance regarding class attendance and positive cases on campus circulated by emails to faculty lists.
- Spring planning is ongoing.
 - We are considering changes to the Academic Calendar for spring similar in spirit to what we did this fall.

STATUE

- On September 27 (Sunday) at 1pm, the unveiling and blessing of the *Angels Unawares Statue* which was donated to the university will take place at the Plaza adjacent to Gibbons and Father O'Connell halls. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and capacity restrictions, attendance at this event is by invitation-only. However, for those who are unable to be present, a live stream and recording of this event will be available.
- On September 29, 2019, the 105th observance of World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Pope Francis and immigrants from across the globe unveiled "Angels Unawares" in St. Peter's Square in Vatican City. The 20-foot-long bronze statue by Canadian artist Timothy Schmalz is based on Hebrews 13:2, "Be welcoming to strangers, many have entertained angels unawares."

- Early in 2020, Schmalz announced that a second casting of the sculpture would be made available for a national tour in the United States before installation in its permanent home on the campus of The Catholic University of America. This event will include remarks from Schmalz.



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
- Summer 2020 Presentation Participants
 - 26 events
 - 788 participants (includes repeat visitors)
- Fall 2020 Presentation Participants (Aug 28 to Sept 22)
 - 46 unique participants in CTE training events
 - 63 total participants
- Fall 2020 Consultations (Aug 3 to Sept 22)
 - 47 unique participants
 - 57 total participants

GLOBAL STRATEGIES

- Study abroad in Spring 2021 will be focused on the Rome Center. Students unable to study in Rome should contact CUAbroad to discuss their options. Global Strategies will issue a communication update to all students who have applied to go abroad on November 19th.
- As of 09/15 Professor Sandra Barrueco from Psychology was appointed director of The Institute of Latin American and Iberian Studies (ILAIS) and Livia Lopes from Global Strategies was appointed Associate Director. ILAIS is a multidisciplinary forum for learning and research that will serve as an umbrella organization on Latin American and Iberian studies and initiatives for all students, faculty, scholars and staff. An additional aim is being a hub for Latino/as and Iberians at Catholic U. across the areas of studies.
- ILAIS is working with the Archives to produce a video showing the *Plan de Iguala* to celebrate the Mexican Independence day and the Hispanic Heritage month that ends on 10/15. Dr. Barrueco will be speaking at the ceremony unveiling the statue.

LIBRARIES

- Mullen Library's study spaces are open by reservation only from 11 am - 7 pm, Monday-Friday. Reservations are required and only available to CU students, faculty, and staff.
- The library stacks will be closed and the borrowing of materials will continue to be through curbside pickup.
- Bathrooms in the ground level are currently under renovation and should be ready by the end of the month.

RECENT AWARDS

- Lin-Ching Chang, EE&CS, \$35,206 from NIH
- Lynn Mayer, Provost Office, \$77,059 from Jumpstart for Children
- Chris Raub, Biomedical Engr., \$291,161 from NIH
- Amanda Sheffer, MLL, \$1,580 from German Embassy
- Ian Pegg, VSL, \$172,576 from Atkins Energy Federal
- Andrew Inglis, Physics, \$33,298 from NASA
- Jandro Abot, Mechanical Engr., \$41,000 from DC Space Grant Consortium