

Provost Update to Senate October 15, 2020

NEWSLETTER

- We now put the provost's newsletter on the webpage instead of spamming email inboxes. Check out the new one from October 14th:
<https://provost.catholic.edu/newsletters/index.html>

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 - FALL

- An early course evaluation process was implemented. Surveys on each undergraduate and graduate class were launched on Sept 15 and closed on Sept 23. Please see [summary](#). Results were shared with the deans/department chairs.
- Progress report campaign via Cardinal Success for all undergraduate students. Emails sent on Sept 23 and campaign closed Sept 30.
- Midterm grades were due for all undergraduate students.
 - Missing grades for first year students:
- Some senior classes will be offered in person synchronous remote this fall. Deans were asked to identify potential courses from a list of "senior" courses where instructors were interested in teaching on campus. Students were then polled for their interest in attending.
 - 13 courses were identified
 - 8 courses have been roomed
 - Engineering senior design students will be able to reserve time to use facilities
 - Business students will be able to do capstone executive briefings in person

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
- CTE is doing a [survey](#) to assess training needs/interests. Please encourage faculty to complete it so that we have a sense of what is needed in general and specific to schools.
- CTE participation [statistics](#) demonstrate that faculty have been attending presentations and using consultation over past 6 weeks
 - **Please encourage part-time faculty and graduate students serving as TAs and TFs to attend presentations and to use consultations as these supports are available to them**

LIBRARIES

- Quick Live Help. The Libraries virtual Information Desk is now open. [Use this service](#) to launch a Zoom session with library staff, Monday–Thursday, 11am–3pm, for quick answers to basic questions. For more indepth research needs, library patrons should schedule to [Meet with a Librarian](#).
- Special Collections. As a reminder, all the special collections ([Rare Books](#), [Archives](#), the [Semitics/ICOR Library](#), the [Oliveira Lima Library](#)) are open by appointment and provide online support for research and instruction. Please reach out to arrange virtual classroom visits.

RECENT AWARDS

- The Oliveira Lima Library received the Order of Rio Branco, an honorific order of Brazil.
- Duilia de Mello received the Order of Rio Branco in the rank of Officer.