

Provost Update to Senate October 28, 2020

STUDENT RESOLUTIONS

- I want to thank the Student Government Association for their thoughtful letter to the administration and faculty and I also want to thank the community for the preparations we have made this fall and for the plans to return safely in the spring semester with a strong preference for in-person instruction in one of the modalities.
- I also want to recognize the importance of their Resolution 002 and recommend that it move to the relevant schools, the Thea Bowman Committee and the undergraduate board for further discussion.
- In general, I would just like to thank all the students for being such a positive and creative force for the university.

TEACHING - FALL

- We have added several additional courses for on-campus meetings this fall semester
 - Initial feedback from students is positive and they are appreciative of the opportunity to be on campus and have noted that they feel very safe.
 - The majority of the classes that were added are for seniors.
- Thank you all for this. We have been safely gaining experience on how to move forward during this difficult pandemic as a university.

TEACHING - SPRING

- Enrollment Services is updating the modalities as soon as we inform them that the modalities have been submitted.
- We are also piloting a dual enrollment initiative this spring for high school students. We have identified a short list of courses to offer as part of the application process that we think might be appropriate for this population. We have had dual enrollment students on campus before from DCPS and Archbishop Carroll High School, sometimes taking the same courses identified for this pilot project. This new initiative takes advantage of courses being offered online to invite more students to participate and is an effort to reach out and drive enrollments. Thank you for this.
- All students were offered the opportunity to apply for on-campus housing this spring. Housing will be responding to the students who applied in the next two weeks with an update on the process with the intention of communicating a housing assignment in early December; students will have the opportunity to accept the assignment or to opt out at that point.

CONTINUED TRAINING FOR FACULTY

- There will be training sessions for faculty to become familiar with the technology in the classrooms for the spring semester. Please see the CTE website:
<https://centerforteaching.catholic.edu>

GLOBAL STRATEGIES

- We only had 8 students express interest in attending courses at the Rome campus this coming spring and given the situation we have unfortunately canceled next semester in Rome. The Office of Global Strategies website (<https://cuabroad.catholic.edu/>) contains updated information.
- However, the summer enrollment for Rome looks very promising. Faculty interested in leading a program in Rome (3-weeks) should contact the Office of Global Strategies to discuss possible programs. Email Vice Provost for Global Strategies: demello@cua.edu.

NEW GRANT AWARDS

- Subaward through Drexel University from Institute for Museum and Library Studies to Jane Zhang, LIS, A&S, \$13,268.
- Six new awards from Atkins Energy to Ian Pegg, VSL, totaling \$1,079,992.