

Provost Update to Senate January 19, 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

- Previous faculty newsletters and Academic Senate reports can be found at <https://provost.catholic.edu/newsletters>
- Aquinas Mass Faculty Inservice Lunch
 - Sponsored by the Office of Undergraduate Studies and the General Education Curriculum Committee
 - Pryz A&B immediately following Mass
 - Topic: Student Mental Health (Undergraduate and Graduate)
 - Please use this [form](#) to RSVP and to identify any mental health related topics you have observed
- General Education Curriculum Committee
 - [Membership](#)
 - Spring 2023 Tasks
 - Reviewing Course Submissions
 - Coordinating Aquinas Lunch for the University Community
 - Updating Goals and Outcomes
 - Updating Assessment Plan
- Undergraduate Student Support
 - Progress Report Campaign - Week 5
 - Midterm Grades - due for all undergraduate classes Week 7
- Reminder: Classes between 11:00 AM and 3:10 PM are canceled tomorrow for the March for Life

DEANS

- As President Kilpatrick announced in his report, we have four dean terms ending in August 2023: TRS, Philosophy, Law, Business
 - I want to personally thank all four deans for their exemplary dedication and service to the University and the Church
 - Extra special thanks goes to Fr. Mark Morozowich and John McCarthy for their long and heroic service as deans
 - Fr. Mark's term will end at the end of this academic year, and Dr. McCarthy's will end at the end of next academic year.
 - Deans Abela and Payne will be reappointed for another four year term
- We will be launching a search committee for a new dean of TRS immediately with the goal to find the new dean to begin this July/August, and will launch a search for the dean of Philosophy this summer for conclusion at the end of next academic year.

GROWTH TASKFORCE

- New Members:
 - Brendan Rich
 - Emily E Sobieski
 - Chris Johnson
 - Bill Conlon

- Enrollment Management Positions: Project Manager, Recruiters, Admission Counselors, Assistant Deans, Marketing/Outreach
- Undergraduate Students:
 - Focus Groups regarding college search process
 - 1/25 9:30 to 10:30 and 1 to 2
 - Email Lynn (mayer@cua.edu) if you'd like to participate
 - Survey will be developed as follow up
 - Honors Program
 - Increase enrollment goals for growth over next years
 - Transfer Students
 - Equivalency Processes and Policies Review
 - Building the Funnel
 - Articulation Agreements
 - Veterans, Active Duty Military
 - Ambassador Series
 - Dual Enrollment Initiatives
 - Yield Events: next 6 to 8 weeks are critical for yield
- Focus: Enrollment for Fall 2023 (yield) with shift to Fall 2024 (funnel)

ACADEMIC FACILITIES

- Work continues in Caldwell Hall, McMahon Hall, O'Boyle Hall, Salve Regina annex, and the new Nursing building.
- Construction teams are taking advantage of (relatively) moderate January weather to proceed with some exterior work in these buildings.
- Within the construction projects, two new libraries will be built: Early Christian Studies in McMahon Hall, and an expanded Canon Law library in Caldwell Hall made possible by the donation of Msgr. Thomas Green.

REPRESENTATIVE NEW GRANT AWARDS

- To Jandro Abot, Mechanical Engineering, \$21,001 from NASA for "Mars Sample Return Research at NASA/GSFC"
- To Ian Pegg, VSL, \$70,271 from Atkins Energy Federal for "Atkins IEC Joule-Heated Vitrification Studies for INTEC CalCine-Task1"

REPRESENTATIVE PROPOSAL ACTIVITY

- From Burcu Kosar, Physics/IACS, to UMBC for subaward on NASA prime, \$41,406, for "Maturing a Deep Learning Tool to Extract Hidden High-value Objects of Interest for Large-scale Automated Preprocessing in Earth Science and Heliophysics"
- From Bismark Agbelie, Civil Engineering, to National Cooperative Highway Research Program, \$750,000 for "Relationship of Speed, Roadway Geometrics, and Crashes on High-Speed Rural Highways"
- From Alexander Kutepov, Physics/IACS, to NSF, \$398,012 for "Laboratory and Modeling Studies to Resolve a Grand Challenge for Upper Atmospheric Science"

- From Joe Vignola and Barbara Marchetti, Mechanical Engineering, to A-N Associates for subaward from Architect of the Capitol prime, \$79,927 for “Evaluation of the state of conservation of the President's Room Ceiling at the United States Capitol Building”
- From Aaron Dominguez, Physics, to NSF, \$1,182,502 for “Detector Upgrades and Search for New Physics at CMS”
- From Tanja Horn, Physics, to NSF, \$565,000 for Studies of Pion and Kaon Structure and Validation of the Exclusive Reaction Mechanism”

GLOBAL STRATEGIES

- OGS is assembling a Rome Advisory Committee to provide support to the Rome Center. Invitations to join the committee will be sent shortly. Volunteers should contact demello@cua.edu.

LIBRARIES

- As we approach the 100th anniversary of [the construction of Mullen Library](#) in 2028, Facilities has hired the architectural firm SmithGroup to:
 - make a preliminary study of the existing conditions & history of Mullen Library;
 - assess the space needs for collections & library services; and
 - rough out some options & pricing for possible future renovation work.
 Later this spring, the firm will organize focus group meetings with stakeholders on campus to discuss space needs for library collections and services. By the end of the summer, the architects are expected to develop some test fits and share some rough options for future renovations for the university to consider.
- Special Collections, including Archives and Rare Books, are available for class visits. Additionally, Special Collections staff are conducting the annual survey of the museum collections displayed around campus. Your assistance with this survey is appreciated. If you have any questions about class visits, the museum survey process, or the pieces on display in your building, please contact Special Collections: lib-archives@cua.edu