

## Provost Update to Senate February 23, 2023

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

- Previous faculty newsletters and Academic Senate reports can be found at <https://provost.catholic.edu/newsletters>.
- Midterm is tomorrow February 24, 2023, which means it is an important deadline for a number of grading matters:
  - If you have not already done so, I ask that all midterm grades be posted by this Friday, and I ask you to remind your constituents and colleagues of this request.
  - Posting midterm grades gives our students a better sense of where they stand academically in each of their courses.
  - Posting midterm grades also allows our academic advisors, the Center for Academic and Career Success, and deans' offices to catch problems early and help any students who may be struggling.
  - Midterm is the last day to resolve incompletes from the fall 2022 semester or summer sessions. Incompletes that have not been resolved by 5:00 p.m. tomorrow will default to an F.
  - Friday, February 24, is also the last day to change a course from graded to audit status.
- Friday, March 3 (next Friday) is the deadline for Spring 2023 graduation candidates to submit their diploma applications in [Cardinal Students](#). Please make sure that students in your schools and departments who are planning to graduate this May submit their applications by next Friday at the latest.

### DEAN APPOINTMENTS

- President Kilpatrick recently [announced](#) that the Very Reverend Mark Morozowich, S.E.O.D. intends to step down as Dean when his term ends this summer.
- We have initiated an internal search for a new Dean of the School of Theology and Religious Studies (TRS).
- The search committee members can be found [here](#).
- President Kilpatrick met with the TRS faculty and the search committee in two different meetings, both held on February 14th, "to discuss the objectives and development of the School and the qualifications of the Dean." (FH II-F-4.187(c))
- President Kilpatrick also [announced](#) that Dr. John McCarthy will continue as Dean of the School of Philosophy through a one-year reappointment when his current term ends this August, after which he will be stepping down and returning to the teaching faculty. A search will begin later this summer for the next Dean of the School of Philosophy.
- President Kilpatrick also [announced](#) the reappointments of Dr. Andrew Abela as Dean of the Tim and Steph Busch School of Business and Prof. Stephen C. Payne as Dean of the Columbus School of Law. Both reappointments are for four-year terms through the 2026-2027 academic year.

## **GROWTH TASKFORCE**

- GROWTH task force reorganization: GROWTH A and GROWTH B
- Undergraduate:
  - Yield Focus:
    - Honors Evening and Cardinal Preview Day
    - Odyssey Day (April 1)
    - Arts and Sciences, TRS, Philosophy Focus Day
- Graduate:
  - Application Numbers Increased and Admitted Number of Students Increased
    - Pending review of countries
- Global Connections/Ambassador Series
- **See the attached report on the status of enrollment compared to previous cycles which we presented to the BOT Academic Affairs Committee yesterday.**

## **ACADEMIC FACILITIES**

- Work continues on the elevator project in Caldwell Hall, the life safety project in McMahan Hall, and the lab and classroom upgrades in O'Boyle Hall. Work in the Salve Regina Annex is scheduled for completion by the end of spring break.
- The creation of a new library for the Center for Early Christian Studies is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2023. The library will be located across the hall from the Greek and Latin library on the second floor of McMahan Hall.
- The build-out of a new production studio space on the third floor of McMahan Hall is also scheduled to begin this summer. This project is generously funded through private donations to the University.

## **REPRESENTATIVE NEW GRANT AWARDS**

- To Valery Yudin, Physics/IACS, \$203,546 from NASA through subcontract from MIT, for "Imprint of stratospheric QBO on the thermosphere and ionosphere."
- To Venigalla Rao, Bacteriophage Medical Research Center, \$2,421,962 from NIH for "Structural Mechanisms Of Genome Flow in Bacteriophage T4 And Their Biomedical Applications."
- To Christopher Raub, Biomedical Engineering, \$22,829 from NIH through subaward from Institute for Clinical Research, for "Kidney Bifringence Research"
- To Gang Kai Poh, Physics/ IACS, \$506,436 from NASA for "Erosion and Dissipation of Earthward-moving Flux Ropes in the near Earth's Geomagnetic Tail Region: Dynamics & Particles Energization"
- To Nithin Sivadas, Physics/IACS, \$412,820 for "Rethinking Data-based Inferences Concerning the Geomagnetic Response to Extreme Space Weather."
- To James Reeves, Physics/IACS, \$173,365 from NASA for "Heading into the wind: A hard x-ray NuStar view of PG 1126-041."
- **See the attached report on the research dashboard for this year and previous years we presented to the BOT Academic Affairs Committee yesterday.**

## REPRESENTATIVE PROPOSAL ACTIVITY

- From Peter Lum, Biomedical Engineering, to MedStar Research Institute, \$131,168 for “Algorithmic Analyses of Accelerometry Data to Capture Meaningful Upper Extremity Use and Recovery Following Distal Radius Fracture Repair.”
- From Christopher Raub, Biomedical Engineering, to NIH, \$2,181,549 for “Engineering high-throughput microphysiological system to determine mechanisms of cancer-related mucositis and repair.”
- From Greg Kalicy, Physics/A&S, to Brookhaven National Lab, \$130,000 for “eRD103: High-Performance DIRC (hpDIRC).”
- From Nathan Neckel, Biomedical Engineering, to NIH, \$427,730 for “Rodent Gait Analysis Fingerprints.”
- From Tommy Wiklind, Physics/IACS, to NSF, \$413,789 for “Research Infrastructure: Dark Sky Academy.”

## GLOBAL STRATEGIES

- Rome Faculty advisory committee - Lavinia Fici Pasquina (Architecture), Sarah Ferrario (G&L), Valeria Garino (MLL), Dean Jackie Leary-Warsaw (MDA), Reza Saidi (Business), Susan Timoney (TRS), Jenny Paxton (Honors Program), Mary Catherine Stoumbos (CTE).

## 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.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. *Please consider completing [the survey](#) that was sent out via email by the end of next week.*
- The Washington Research Library Consortium has a new \$2,000 [Course Transformation Grant](#) to encourage faculty to adopt Open Educational Resources (OER) into their course syllabus because textbook affordability continues to be a serious concern for our students. Please coordinate your proposal with the [Office of Sponsored Programs and Research Services](#).
- Please join us in welcoming two new librarians: Melissa Foge, our new Outreach Librarian, and Charles Gallagher, our new Research & Instruction Librarian. [A list of all school & departmental liaison librarians](#) can be found on our website.
- This month we issued our first *Mullen Memo*. This email newsletter will be issued monthly during the academic year to make it easier for faculty to locate important information about the University Libraries' services and collections and to share interesting information about staff and unique resources.
- Mullen Library presents the following exhibit in the May Gallery for the Spring 2023 semester: [Created in Reverence: The Artistic Process of Dony Mac Manus](#).

- Special Collections has finished the annual museum inventory survey, and the museum collection will soon be open again for display and teaching. Thank you to everyone who cooperated with this project!