

## Provost Update to Senate March 23, 2023

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

- Previous faculty newsletters and Academic Senate reports can be found at <https://provost.catholic.edu/newsletters>
- CTE is hosting an [AI Panel discussion](#) related to ChatGPT on 3/27 at 2 p.m.
  - This Provost Update was not written by ChatGPT.

### DOCTORAL HOODING CEREMONY

- We have added a new [event to Commencement Weekend](#). A **Doctoral Hooding Ceremony** will be taking place on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in Heritage Hall, followed by a reception.
- During the ceremony, the name of each doctoral graduate in attendance from the August 2022, January 2023, and May 2023 degree conferrals will be called, and the graduate will go on stage with his or her faculty adviser(s) or school dean.
- The adviser or school dean will place the doctoral hood over the head of the graduate, signifying his or her success in completing the doctoral program, and the Dean of Graduate Studies will congratulate the graduate.
- Each doctoral graduate who anticipates attending the ceremony should [complete this RSVP form](#).

### GROWTH TASKFORCE

- Undergraduate:
  - Cardinal Preview Day
    - 88% show rate
    - Feedback day was too long; modified Odyssey Day plans
  - Odyssey Day: April 1
    - Will be followed by Virtual Odyssey Week
  - Ambassadors hired and trained
  - Increased personalized outreach
- Graduate:
  - India
  - Domestic program growth
  - Finalizing scholarship model
- GROWTH Initiatives:
  - Ambassador Series
  - International Office
  - Summer Marketing
  - Diocese visits
  - Dual Enrollment
  - Veterans move to EM
  - Parent Virtual Events

- Focus Group/Survey of Parents of High School/College Aged Students
- **Please see attached spreadsheets from Dee Gipson for current enrollment status of undergrads and grad students**

### **ACADEMIC FACILITIES**

- Work continues on the elevator project in Caldwell Hall, the life safety project in McMahon Hall, and the lab and classroom upgrades in O'Boyle Hall.
- Design work and historical research is beginning in Caldwell Chapel for the upcoming renovations in that space.
- The shell of the new Nursing building has progressed to include erecting the exterior stone façade panels on each elevation and direction.
- Work in the Salve Regina Annex was completed over spring break.
- SmithGroup, the architectural consulting firm engaged in the Mullen Library visioning project, met with University facilities planning staff, school deans, faculty members, undergraduate student and graduate student leaders, library staff, and special collections staff over seven focus group sessions on March 15 and March 16.
- 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 McMahon Hall.
- The build-out of a new production studio space on the third floor of McMahon Hall is also scheduled to begin this summer. This project is generously funded through private donations to the University.

### **REPRESENTATIVE NEW GRANT AWARDS**

- To William Saunders, Provost Office, \$50,000 from the Bradley Foundation, for “Expanding the reach of Chen Guangcheng, the Internationally renowned human rights Champion, at The Center for Human Rights at the Catholic University of America”
- To Ian Pegg, VSL, \$882,341 from Atkins Energy Federal for “Atkins Sellafield HAWTT - SIXEP Trials”
- To Henrike Fleischhack, Physics/IACS, \$49,500 from University of Maryland Baltimore by subcontract from NASA, for “IXPE Sources: a quick-look database and high-level data analysis toolkit”
- To Brandon Vaidyanathan, Sociology, \$30,154 from the Burrows Wellcome Fund for “Beauty in Science 2023 Meeting”

### **REPRESENTATIVE PROPOSAL ACTIVITY**

- From Eun Koh, NCSSS, to the Spencer Foundation, \$56,090 for “The Effects of Supportive Programs for First Generation Students in Higher Education”
- From Sang Wook Lee, Biomedical Engineering, to NIH, \$153,236 for “Impact of Altered Sensorimotor Experience in Robotic Training on Adaptation of Hand Muscle Coordination of Stroke Survivors”
- From Xiaolong Luo, Mechanical Engineering, to NIH, \$177,000 for “Prototyping a Rapid Antibiotic Susceptibility Test (AST) Based on Bacterial Chemotaxis”

- From Nathan Roth, Physics/IACS, to NASA, \$53,870 for “Discoveries beyond Deep Fields: Searching the Solar Systems with Roman”
- From Diego Turo, Mechanical Engineering, to Office of Naval Research, \$47,871 for “Student Capstone Design Projects to Support Naval Engineering Workforce Development”

### **GLOBAL STRATEGIES**

- Rome: 64 students are accepted for two sessions in Rome during the Summer 23 (Session I 05/13-06/3 and Session II 06/10-07/01). We are still accepting applications and a few more students are expected to commit soon.
- Students accepted for Summer other Programs  
Ireland: 9  
British Parliament: 4  
Oxford: 3
- Numbers for Rome in the Fall 23 are: 60 accepted (of those, 53 have paid a deposit fee. 27 students are from Architecture). More students are expected to make deposits in the next couple of weeks.

### **LIBRARIES**

- The University Libraries subscription to Scopus is active. [Scopus](#) is an abstract and citation database of more than 77.8 million records from more than 5,000 international publishers that provides an overview of the world’s peer-reviewed research output in the fields of science, technology, medicine, social science and arts and humanities. Scopus provides similar functionality and coverage as Web of Science at a much more affordable cost. Training sessions will be offered on April 12; watch for further details.
- The University Libraries’ [Digital Scholarship](#) workshops have been recorded and are available on YouTube in a [CU Digital Scholarship Workshops playlist](#).
- As the official [repository of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops](#) (USCCB), Special Collections has recently been working with the USCCB to transfer dozens of boxes with records relating to offices including those of the General Secretary, Social Justice, Laity, Migration, and Film & Broadcast.