

## Provost Update to Senate February 24, 2022

### WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER UPDATES

- A reminder that all previous faculty newsletters can be found at <https://provost.catholic.edu/newsletters>
- All of the previous updates to the Academic Senate have been posted to the same website and are organized by academic year.
- Please encourage your colleagues to read the newsletter and visit the website for information of particular concern to the faculty and academic staff.

### DEAN SEARCH

- The search for a new Dean of the Conway School of Nursing has come to a very successful conclusion with Dr. Marie Nolan from Johns Hopkins being chosen
- Thank you to all who participated in this important search and supported the school during this time!

### DC COVID GUIDELINES

- Mayor's Order 2022-029 dated February 14, 2022 establishes:
  - Termination of vaccination for entry at private facilities as of 11:59 pm on February 14, 2022
  - Lifting of the indoor mask mandate as of 11:59 pm on February 28, 2022
    - While we do not believe this requirement should apply to higher education institutions, the District is interpreting "schools" to include higher education institutions. Therefore, our policy on wearing masks indoors remains in effect for the moment.
    - Separately the District has required masks in dormitories, and that restriction remains in place.
    - The District is using the community transmission rate to regulate this requirement. When it is "low," or less than 5 daily cases per 100,000, it would likely be relaxed. On Feb 15th, we were at 18 daily cases per 100,000 and falling rapidly.
- See <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/key-metrics>

### UNDERGRADUATE UPDATES

- A Progress Report campaign for all undergraduate students is currently running. Please remind faculty to complete these reports.
- Midterm grades are due for all undergraduate students on Feb 25.
- We have scheduled a zoom meeting for all undergraduate student faculty advisors and CACS advisors for March 3 from 11 to noon. Please feel free to share the [meeting link](#) with faculty advisors.
- Please remember to submit your names for honor societies by March 1 and your individual department/school awards by March 15 for Honors Convocation.

## GRADUATE ADMISSION

- Admission data as of February 21, 2022 can be found at [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1uaUFwV5usQuOzFqwBxR\\_Zit\\_0A-KJihKyYJM2yyTirs/edit#gid=1327975701](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1uaUFwV5usQuOzFqwBxR_Zit_0A-KJihKyYJM2yyTirs/edit#gid=1327975701)
- The Office of Graduate Admission welcomed two new team members, Kimberly Cromer, Assistant Director of Graduate Admissions and Ella Cox, Graduate Admission Representative this month. The team will begin handling all marketing and recruitment for the MA in Art Education and the MSW this week, with more programs to follow as the staff is trained and other members are hired.
- We are still setting the goals as part of the university's annual budgeting process, but the target of new masters students is likely to be around 415.

## REPRESENTATIVE NEW GRANT AWARDS

- Alessandro Bruno, Physics IACS, \$173,987 from the University of Colorado (NASA Subaward), for "The Contribution of Atmospheric Precipitation to Radiation Belt Loss: When, Where, and How".
- James Reeves, Physics IACS, \$27,040 from Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory, for "Spectral-Timing Analysis of NGC 6814".
- Lavinia Fici Pasquina, Architecture, \$94,999 from University of Pittsburgh (Subaward from US Dept. of Transportation), for "Automated vehicle Service for People with Disabilities - Involved Response Engineering (ASPIRE) Center".
- Greg Kalicy, Physics, A&S, \$60,099 from Scintilex, LLC, for "DOE an STTR award DESC0022415, entitled "High Performance LuYAG Crystal Scintillating Fibers for Nuclear Physics Experiments".

## REPRESENTATIVE PROPOSAL ACTIVITY

- Sandra O'Brien, Nursing, \$20,460 to National League of Nurses, for "Simulation Study: AIDET-guided therapeutic communication".
- Jemima Rosario Sullivan, STRS, \$45,700 to ACTA Foundation, for "Annunciations: Adult faith formation video podcasts with sacred art".
- Jennifer Maxwell, MLL, A&S, \$75,000 to Clark-Winchcole Foundation, for "Spanish for Healthcare".
- Burcu Kosar, Physics IACS, \$127,144 to NASA for "Joint analysis of concurrent Sprite and Gravity Wave observations based on Citizen Science data.".
- Sang Wook Lee, Biomedical Engineering, \$448,886 to NIH for "Impact of proximal-distal incoordination on task planning and execution in stroke survivors".

## GLOBAL STRATEGIES

1) Study abroad numbers outbound:

a) Rome:

We are preparing for the summer institute in Rome. **Number of applicants has reached a historic level of 86!**

Number of applicants for Fall is increasing (36), but applications are still open and may be extended from 03/01 to 03/25. We have a total of 70 beds on campus.

b) Other places:

Summer applicants reached 107.

Fall applicants reached 29.

Note: Not all applications will be accepted or completed.

2) Study abroad numbers inbound:

a) Summer academies in DC: 165 from Spain, 10 + delegation from Brazil

## **LIBRARIES**

- *Monsters, Mythology, Mayhem: The Graphic Novels of Gareth Hinds* is on view in the May Gallery of Mullen Library until May 20th. Gareth Hinds, DC-based artist, is the creator of critically-acclaimed graphic novels based on literary classics, including Beowulf, King Lear, The Merchant of Venice, The Odyssey, Romeo and Juliet, and Macbeth, which have been translated into multiple languages and used in classrooms around the world. This exhibit highlights his award winning work, explains his artistic process, and demonstrates his support for educators who are helping students discover literary masterpieces.
- *The Harlem Renaissance: Revolution and Revival* is on view in the Main Reading Room of Mullen Library through May. This exhibit features select luminaries of the Harlem Renaissance and their works. The impact of the Harlem Renaissance spans the fine arts, literature, performance, and more. This revival began in Harlem, New York, yet continues to reach far beyond its geographical beginnings. The exhibit features luminaries with connections to Washington D.C. and library resources for you to explore.
- New archival collections include the papers of CU faculty Lucy M. Cohen, James Youniss, Sr. Vincentia Joseph and Sr. Ann Patrick Conrad. We have also received the first deposit of materials for our new collection of CU Drama alum and first Black Catholic priest of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Clarence Rivers.
- Our [Special Collections](#) have been hosting a record number of classes in both the Archives and Rare Books reading rooms working with Art, Anthropology, Canon Law, History, and Theology & Religious Studies. Please reach out if you are interested in sharing our unique primary resources with your students.
- As a reminder a [preliminary list of subscriptions and other packages restored](#) and newly bought using library fees thus far is now available. This list will continue to grow in the coming months. Most items selected were requested by faculty or otherwise meet known research and instruction needs. This list does not include individual book purchases which have increased with support of the fee.