

Provost Update to Senate March 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.

UNDERGRADUATE UPDATES

- Natalie Grace Bauman was awarded a Fulbright (BSW Senior, NCSSS)
 - Project Title: International Master of Public Health in Haifa, Israel
 - University Affiliation: The University of Haifa (Dr. Richard Schuster)
- Cardinal Success Platform
 - Progress Report Campaign Statistics
 - 18,701 Evaluations sent
 - Responses received from 5187 faculty members
 - 346 students marked at risk to fail course
 - 252 Cases from Alerts this semester as of 3/23/22

GRADUATE ADMISSION

- Admission data as of March 21, 2022 can be found at <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/19eLqf2zknUtVPcgAzDvZSzoVH4zuV8lbG7QRlCee53A/edit?usp=sharing>
- The Office of Graduate Admission and the National Catholic School of Social Service held information sessions in February and March. A total of 80 attendees participated via Zoom to learn more about the MSW programs.
- Graduate Admission will assume the responsibility of marketing and recruitment for all nursing graduate programs this month. An information session is scheduled for early April.
- Dean Mahoney met with the leadership team for the School of Arts & Sciences to explain the recruitment process that is in development. Program directors were given email templates to complete for their programs to allow for customized messaging to prospective students from TargetX. A meeting with the leadership team of the Rome School is scheduled for this week.
- Second round interviews for the remaining Graduate Admission Representative and Asst. Director of Graduate Admission positions are scheduled for this week.

TASK FORCE ON FACULTY WORKLOAD APPORTIONMENT

- A new ad hoc task force on faculty workload apportionment has been established as the next step from the report of the Unit Standards Committee.
- The task force's charge and make-up are detailed in this document: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1haqZTIidsH5PqDV7YdxEOIGHqHOwN85XH2lp91NDuoc/edit>

REPRESENTATIVE NEW GRANT AWARDS

- Jennifer Maxwell, MLL, A&S, \$25,000 from The 100K Strong in the Americas Fund for “Bridging the Gap in Healthcare: Linguistic and Cultural Training for University Students in Costa Rica and the U.S.”
- William Sanders, IHE, \$50,000 from Scaife Foundation and \$50,000 from Bradley Foundation for Center for Human Rights fellowship support.
- Julio Bermudez, Architecture and Planning, \$233,977 from Templeton Religion Trust for “How Sacred Architecture Conveys Spiritual Understanding: A Biometric-Based Study.”

REPRESENTATIVE PROPOSAL ACTIVITY

- Xiaolong Luo, MEchanical Engineering, \$2,999,655 to National Science Foundation for “Identifying the Patterning Principles in Microbial Networks Using an Integrated Experimental-Computational Approach.”
- Gunnar Lucko, Civil Engineering, \$475,660 to National Science Foundation for Mitigating Delays in Infrastructure Projects by Elevating Float in Construction Schedules Toward Becoming a Tradable Commodity via Real Options Valuation.”
- Steve Kraemer, Physics/IACS, \$47,857 to NASA for “Modeling of Upstream Solar Wind and IMF Conditions at Mercury: Data-Model Comparison Between MESSENGER and SWMF AWSOM Models.”
- Vadim Uritsky, Physics/IACS, \$4231,619 to Association of University Research in Astronomy for “Windows of the Universe Multi-Messenger Astronomy: WSA Model Validation.”
- Nicholas Mecholsky, VSL, \$272,833 to University of Mississippi Medical Center for “Determination of the Fundamental Nature of Crack Propagation Using a Model Glass-Ceramic System.”
- Bismark Agbelie, Civil Engineering, \$450,000 to National Cooperative Highway Research Program for “Independence of Federal, State, and Local Transportation Funding and Ownership.”

GLOBAL STRATEGIES

- The Office of Global Strategies is pleased to announce that the Excellence in International Education Award of 2022 will be given to Ms. Grace Schneider. Since 2011, Catholic University has sent thousands of students to study abroad under her leadership. Ms. Schneider has changed the lives of many of our students making Catholic University a Global University.
- The Office of Global Strategies is giving support to the program led by Professor Jennifer Maxwell, Director of the Spanish for Healthcare Program, which was just awarded \$25,000 by the 100K Strong in the Americas Fund. This program is for University Students in Costa Rica and the USA and will be conducted in partnership with Universidad Federada San Judas Tadeo and Costa Rica Global Learning Programs.
- Beginning in April-May, CUA’s Intensive English Program (IEP) will start offering an online self-assessment 8-unit course that will address the needs of intermediate English language learners who are interested in obtaining an undergraduate or graduate degree, hopefully at CUA.

LIBRARIES

- Students and faculty can better navigate the millions of books, articles, archives, and audio/visual content provided through the Libraries by mastering SearchBox, the one-stop discovery tool, by viewing our short videos of [Tips for Using SearchBox](#). These videos cover the most useful search narrowing techniques, limiting searches to materials at CU, and how to request materials that are not at CU.
- Digital research skills are expected of today's researchers but acquiring this skill set can be intimidating. The University Libraries recently acquired the **Gale Digital Scholar Lab**, a platform that equips users with text and data mining resources, visualization tools, and methodology suggestions, enabling newcomers and experienced users alike to interpret the range of [Gale Primary Sources](#) as well as their own documents. An online workshop is scheduled for March 29th at 1pm. It will be taught by Sarah Ketchley, Ph.D, Senior Digital Humanities Specialist at Gale. Her ongoing research focuses on the disciplinary history of Egyptology in the late 19th century through the lens of text mining a range of primary source data. Please email Kevin Gunn (gunn@cua.edu) by March 28th if you are interested in attending or have any questions.
- Special Collections staff is conducting an inventory of museum objects that have been loaned out to offices on campus. They will be confirming locations of these pieces and noting their condition. If you have an object, your cooperation is greatly appreciated so that we may continue to share the beauty and heritage contained in our collections. If you have any questions about this process or about the pieces on display in your building, please contact Special Collections (lib-archives@cua.edu).
- 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.