

TO: Faculty Senate

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#### **4. Strategic Initiatives**

In December of 2016 the creation of a Strategic Initiatives Funding pool to support new, innovative projects that further the goals of our Strategic Plan was announced. During the first two years of funding 25 projects received support.

On January 24<sup>th</sup> a call for the third round of Strategic Initiatives proposals was sent to the campus community. Proposals must be submitted to the Office of Institutional Planning by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### **5. Bookstore Update**

As requested in a motion from the Faculty Senate, I met with the director of the bookstore to request that the bookstore carry a supply of books sufficient to equip all students in each course based on actual enrollments. The director explained to me that only about 30% of students

when they over-order books. In general, they try to base their orders on the number of students in the class when it was previously taught and then order a percentage based on a number of factors, such as the availability of the book in other venues. I requested that he still increase the number of books that are ordered even if it is not for the entire class limit and explained the concerns from faculty that students are coming to class saying that the bookstore was out of their books.

We also discussed a variety of other alternatives for ensuring that students can purchase their books at the bookstore. The director agreed to increase communication to the faculty through email communication so that faculty understand the option for submitting book orders online and will know when the paper book orders have been sent to the department secretaries. I will continue to work with the bookstore director and encourage everyone to let me know if they are having difficulties with bookstore orders.

#### **6. 2020-2021 Academic Calendar**

I appreciate the feedback that I have received regarding the 2020-2021 Academic Calendar.

**8. Faculty Search**

Faculty searches continue into the spring semester. To date we have hired or sent contracts to thirteen candidates. Please join me in welcoming three new faculty that started this spring.

Tracy Murray	Assistant Professor	Library
	Faculty Specialist	Nursing
	Faculty Specialist	Accounting

**9. Rank and Tenure**

descriptions, guidance with conducting interviews and supervisory skills, and more. Internship opportunities are shared with Career Development partners and students at 11 regional colleges & universities and posted on [smallbusinessinternships.com](http://smallbusinessinternships.com).

#### 14. Faculty Development

##### *Summer Grant Proposals/Clavius Funding*

A call for proposals for Clavius and Summer Grants funding were sent to faculty on February 1<sup>st</sup>. The deadline for submission is March 1, 2019.

##### *Provost Faculty Enhancement Awards*

A request for nominations for the Provost Enhancement Awards was sent out to the deans, department chairs, and for the first time to all full-time faculty. Nominations should be sent to my office by February 28, 2019. The Provost Advisory Group will assist the Provost and Associate Provost in making the determination on the awards recipients. The awards will be presented at the Faculty Appreciation Day dinner scheduled for April 12th in the DeNaples

#### 15. Curriculum

##### **New Course**

	<b>Date Posted</b>
COMM 339: Social Media and Sports	9/13/18
T/RS 290: Christianity in the Middle East	9/13/18
T/RS 332: Theology & Disability	9/13/18
T/RS 555: Christian Unity & Division	9/13/18

##### **Program Changes**

Communication Department Name Change	9/7/18
MS Business Administration HR Specialization	10/10/18
Executive Nursing Leadership Specialization in MSA	10/10/18

##### **Course Deletion**

PSYC 110L: Demonstrations for Fundamentals of Psychology	9/7/18
EC 251: Introduction to Electronic Business	10/10/18
EC 462: Projects in Electronic Business	10/10/18
EC 470: Supply Chain Management	10/10/18
EC 471: Information Systems Security	10/10/18
EC 472: Electronic Business & Entrepreneurship	10/10/18
EC 473: Business Applications of Communication Networks	10/10/18

#### 16. Rankings

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a 2019 ranking by College Factual. Scranton ranked No. 161 in the national ranking of 1,779 schools. College Factual also ranked Scranton in the top 10 percent in the nation in its ranking of

Our MAcc Program has been ranked #1 in the nation by *Best Colleges* for the third consecutive year. Congratulations and thank you to faculty in this department for its tremendous success.

In other postings on the College Factual website, several Scranton programs ranked in the top 15 percent in the nation, including criminal justice, nursing, accounting, business administration, marketing and international business.

*U.S. News and World Report*