

TO: Faculty Senate Report

FROM: Joseph H. Dreisbach, Ph.D.  
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

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**I. SPRING CONVOCATION:**

The Spring Convocation is scheduled for Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 to 1:00 pm in the DeNaples Center.

**II. ASSESSMENT UPDATE:**

The OEA offered the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Assessment Institute in January. Thanks to the many faculty and staff who participated in the sessions. Special recognition to the OEA team and IR for their excellent presentations.

**III. FACULTY SEARCHES:**

We are currently conducting fifteen faculty searches in eleven different departments.

**IV. ADMINISTRATIVE SEARCHES:**

The search for the Associate Provost for Academic Affairs is underway. Dean Kratz chairs the search committee and the posting for the position is available on The University of Scranton Employment Online system.

**V. RANK AND TENURE:**

The Board on Rank and Tenure held formal meetings on January 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> to review the applications of thirteen candidates. The President received the recommendations from the Board on Rank and Tenure. The Provost and has made his decisions. Dr. Dreisbach has informed the candidates of the decisions. The Handbook provides a 30 day window, from the date of notification, for appeals based on new evidence.

**VI. FULBRIGHT NOMINATIONS:**

Dr. Trussler has notified me that three of our eight Fulbright candidates have been recommended as national semi-finalists for awards by the National Screening Committee. IIE in New York, who administer the Fulbrights, report that there were over 10,000 applicants for approximately 1,500 awards nationwide. Final decisions will be made between March 1 and June 1.

**VII. MEDICAL SCHOOL PLACEMENT:**

Dr. Engel states that as of this date 33 students have received acceptances to 49 medical schools: 8 students have been accepted to 21 dental schools; 2 students have been accepted to 3 podiatry schools; 1 student has been accepted to 2 Optometry School: and 1 student has been accepted to 1 pharmacy school. The acceptance rate for seniors is 79.41%, for non-seniors



The following proposals have been approved by the provost:

**Program Changes:**

**Date Posted**

Accounting Department Professional Alumni Council and students from the Business Leadership Honors Program and Beta Alpha Psi, the accounting honor society. Accounting students and numerous professional volunteers will be participating once again in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. Households with incomes of less than \$54,000 in 2016 are eligible to participate.

**Panuska College of Professional Studies**

Barbara Wagner, D.P.T., director of clinical education in the physical therapy program, and her students can easily rattle off a list of the physical benefits that come from the program. The program was created and has run at multiple Scranton-area senior residential communities for 20 years. Ask Michael Landram, Ph.D., assistant professor of exercise science, and his students majoring in Exercise Science and Sport about a similar exercise-based service-learning program they established at the Jewish Community Center on Jefferson Avenue, and they can do the same.

**Weinberg Memorial Library**