

TO: Faculty Senate

FROM: Donald R. Boomgaarden, Ph.D.  
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

DATE: October 3, 2014

RE: Academic Affairs Report for October 2014

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#### 4. COMMITTEES:

##### **Faculty Handbook:**

The Faculty Handbook Committee continues to work on language concerning Teaching in the Rank and Tenure Process, Role and Rights of Faculty on Leave, and 23.3

#### 5. CURRICULUM:

After consulting with Dr. Spalletta the following dates were sent to faculty regarding the

sufficient time to review and approve curriculum proposals for inclusion in the 2015-2016 catalogs. I ask that faculty keep in mind that when submitting proposals they need

All proposals **must be posted to the Faculty Senate Curriculum Board** by the dates indicated below:

New Programs by December 19, 2014

Major Program Changes by February 13, 2015

Course Changes by February 23, 2015

Any remaining small editorial changes by March 27, 2015

#### 6. UPDATES:

##### **College of Arts and Sciences**

James Moran (senior psychology major), Mike Kovalchik (senior biology major), Erika Sarno (junior biochemistry, cell and molecular biology major), and Ashley Villa (junior biochemistry, cell and molecular biology major), joined students from across the country as research interns at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI) in Panama this summer. Internships for this prestigious program are awarded to students based on merit and matching the research interest of the students with ongoing research projects at the institute. The University works with STRI on a joint internship project supported by biology professors Marc Seid, Ph.D., and Gary Kwiecinski, Ph.D.

The College has received a grant from the Council of Independent Colleges' NetVUE (Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education program), supporting the faculty teaching the new first-year seminar to develop the theme of vocation and engagement with service agencies in the seminars.

The third Annual Ignatian Values in Action Lecture, on September 18, featured Jay Sullivan, author of this year's royal Read, *Raising Gentle Men: Lives at the Orphanage Edge*. The lecture was attended by an audience of approximately 2,200, including 1063 of our 1078 first-year students.

The Ang Lee Film Festival, Three Decades of Fearlessness, began on October 2 with a viewing and discussion of Lee's 1993 film, *The Wedding Banquet*.

The Hope Horn Gallery is now showing "Object and Image: Sculptures and Prints by Herbert Simon 1960-2014."

**Kania School of Management**

*U.S. News & World Report* ranked three undergraduate programs of the