

TO: Faculty Senate

FROM: Jeff Gingerich
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SUBJECT: Faculty Senate Report

Spring Welcome

Happy New Year and welcome back to a new semester. I hope that your holidays were replete with rest, rejuvenation, and time with loved ones. The new year brought us the new intense strain of Omicron and so we must continue to pay special attention to caring for each other even while we return to the student-centered, academic excellence that is characteristic of our Ignatian mission.

Loss of Colleague, Matt Reavy

We are grieving the passing of our colleague, Matt Reavy, Associate Professor in the Department of Communication and Media. Matt was a graduate of The University of Scranton. He earned

Global Education

During Intersession, 14 students went to the Galápagos Islands to study tropical biology on a faculty-led travel course led by Dr Marc Seid and Dr Anne Royer.

Only 1 student travelled abroad during Intersession on a partner program which was taught in Barcelona. Three (3) students had planned to participate in partner programs in Europe but an online -person class in Japan was shifted to an online.

Thirteen (13) students have started their Spring semester study abroad programs in Europe this January. They are studying at St Louis University in Madrid (5), Gonzaga in Florence (4), Fordham in London (2), Loyola University Chicago in Rome (1), and Trinity College Dublin (1).

Total	38	33	71 (1EV)	7	7 (5 EV)	14 (5 EV)	85 (6 EV)
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- A review of the Academic Advising model with a stronger emphasis on intellectual vocation is taking place in CAS.
- Accounting students will assist local residents with filing their federal, state and local tax returns as part of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.
- Campus-wide Library Services (MISO) Survey to be Administered

Chronicle Review, and more. For directions on how to create an account, see here:
<https://guides.library.scranton.edu/chronicle>

- The Weinberg Memorial Library is seeking submissions for our annual exhibit of Environmental Art. The 2022 Environmental Art show will be held in the Heritage Room of the Weinberg Memorial Library April 19-26, 2022, with a virtual exhibit that will debut on April 19th, 2022. In conjunction with the Environmental Art Show library will be hosting an artist talk with Artist Laura Kern on April 25th, 2022, at 5:30pm. For information on how to submit see:
<https://sites.scranton.edu/library/2021/12/10/environmental-art-show-call-for-art-2022/>
Contact: Marleen Cloutier at marleen.cloutier@scranton.edu, Environmental Art Show Coordinator.
- The Library awarded two Affordable Learning Grants this past funding round. The grants go to faculty who commit to replacing for-cost course materials with either Library-provided materials or Open Educational Resources. The goal of the program is to increase affordability for Scranton students and to make classrooms more equitable so that all students have the same level of access to materials. In the Spring funding round, the Library is committed to funding up to 4 Affordable Learning Grants that will go toward Fall 2022 courses.