

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS DIVISION REPORT  
TO THE  
BOARD OF REGENTS  
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We have two very important accreditation events this spring. The WASC review team will be visiting our campus on April 14-16 for the final step in our re-accreditation process. The team is composed of 5 individuals who are peer reviewers from other universities. The team reviewed our documents in the fall and had a conference call with us on December 4 to discuss their plans for the campus visit. They gave many commendations for the work we're doing, including our solid program review process, our financial stability, our clearly developed student learning outcomes, and the successful integration with PLTS. They also outlined areas that they will inquire about during their visit, one of which is the role of the Board and shared governance. They have requested to meet with a representative group from the Board of Regents, so we'll try to schedule that as soon as possible to get it on your calendar.

Our second accreditation event is a campus visit from the American Psychological Association to acquire APA accreditation for our doctoral program in psychology (the Psy.D. degree). We received word in December that our documents met with their approval which allows us to move to the campus visit. It is scheduled for the week after our WASC campus visit, so April will be a month focused on accreditation!

Continuing on the theme of accreditation, we are evaluating the option of AACSB accreditation for our School of Management. Two consultants visited our campus in the fall and provided an evaluation of the issues and challenges we need to consider in making our decision on whether to move forward.

We have 15 faculty searches underway, and as I write this report we are in the midst of our campus visits for 3 finalists in our search for the Dean of the Graduate School of Education. We should be close to finalizing that search by the time of the February board meeting.

We continue to make progress with the Science faculty on plans for the new science building, and we have begun discussions with the Art Department for their needs as we consider future art facilities.

The remainder of this report will give you further details on the activities and accomplishments of our faculty and staff in Academic Affairs.

## **Guide students to discover and live their purpose**

### **[Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Scholarship \(OURCS\)](#)**

The Eleventh Annual Student Research Symposium (SRS) was a great success. The morning of October 18 began with six oral presentations, followed by an interactive poster session with over 25 students presenting their summer research projects. The audience included members of the campus as well as the surrounding community. The projects represented many disciplines, including biology, chemistry, computer science, exercise science, languages and cultures, mathematics, psychology and religion. The SRS program can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

Many of these students have gone on to share their work at undergraduate, regional and national conferences. For example, Tyler Berg presented his research on *The Effects of Landing Direction on Lower Extremity Kinetics and Kinematics* at the regional conference held by the Southwest Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine in Costa Mesa last October, Carla De Lira presented her work on *Methodologies and Issues in the Usability of Android Application Development* at the national conference for the Society for Advancement of Hispanics/Chicanos & Native Americans in Science held in Los Angeles last October, and Sharena Rice will present her work on *Localization of the ABCA4 Phospholipid Flippase in Developing Photoreceptors* in May at the Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting in Washington, DC.

### **[Center for Equality and Justice \(CEJ\)](#)**

[Click here](#) to view the latest CEJ events.

### **[Center for Academic Service-Learning \(CASL\)](#)**

The Center funded seven faculty mini grants to enable faculty to incorporate service-learning projects into their Spring 2015 classes, thus fostering collaboration with local community organizations.

The Department of Criminal Justice presented a paper entitled "Learning by Doing: Experiential Learning in Criminal Justice" at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting in November. The focus of the paper was the department's efforts to offer experiential learning experiences to undergraduate students, including: service learning, field trips, research projects, and internships.

### ***Distinguished Students***

Three CLU Physics students were awarded nationally-competitive National Science Foundation REU (Research Experiences for Undergraduates) appointments for summer 2015:

- **Eric Henderson** ('14): Research in neutrino physics carried out at Fermilab National Laboratory under the supervision of New Mexico State University
- **Fransheska Berrios** ('15): Research in dark matter physics at the University of California, Davis
- **Carlos Moran** ('15): Research in quantum information theory at Brigham Young University

An **Educational Leadership Ed.D. student, Josie Ahlquist**, will be presented with the Dr. Susan Komives Research Award at the 2015 NASPA Annual Conference in March. She was also chosen by the NASPA Technology Knowledge Community Awards Committee to receive the inaugural Student Affairs Technology Research, Assessment, and Evaluation Innovation Award at this event. NASPA is the leading association for student affairs professionals.

**Andrew Pattison** (Policy Studies) presented "Stakeholder Engagement and the Three Pillars of Sustainability in Local Government Sustainability Policies: A Case Study of Ventura County" with **MPPA student Manal Bahobeshi** at the Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Annual Conference in Albuquerque, NM. The paper is a version of Bahobeshi's thesis, and this is the first time that a CLU MPPA student has presented their research at a top-tier national public affairs conference.

### ***Study Abroad Opportunities for Students***

In spring 2015, CLU has 61 students studying abroad in the following 18 destinations: Australia, Austria, Brazil, Costa Rica, England, France, Greece, Honk Kong, Ireland, Italy, New Zealand, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, Tanzania, Thailand, Washington, D.C., and around the world with Semester at Sea. Scholarships totaling \$12,800 were awarded to 18 of these students from the CLU Alumni Board's Study Abroad Endowment fund, and \$1,400 in scholarships were awarded to

two Semester at Sea participants from the Esmay Family Study Abroad Scholarship Fund.

## **Continue to set high institutional academic standards**

### **Awards**

The Representational Art Conference 2014 (TRAC 2014) received the Ventura County Arts Council's 2014 Art Stars Award, recognizing the conference for its international impact on the arts and bringing recognition to Cal Lutheran and Ventura County.

### **Distinguished Faculty**

**Gerhard Apfelthaler** (Management) was elected to the Teaching and Learning Committee of the Academy of Management's International Management Division.

**Michael Arndt** (Theatre Arts) received the City of Thousand Oaks Exemplary Arts Educator Award from the Alliance for the Arts. The award was presented in recognition of Arndt's efforts on behalf of the arts in Thousand Oaks, especially as a theater professor at CLU and as the artistic director of the Kingsmen Shakespeare Company.

**Michael Cosenza** (Education) was elected to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Professional Development Schools (NAPDS). With membership from all 50 states and five nations, the NAPDS works to provide support, resources and advocacy for preparing the next generation of teachers in partnerships that provide high-quality clinical settings.

**Cary Dritz** (Education) has been selected to be a member of the Executive Council of the California Association of Professors of Education Administration (CAPEA).

**Robert Fraisse** (Interim Dean of the GSOE) was the keynote presenter to newly elected school board members in Ventura County at a training session in January. Over forty elected officials and school superintendents attended this session on *best practices in school governance*.

**Timothy Hengst** (Multimedia) received first place for his digital photo collage "Manzanita Study" at the Thousand Oaks Art Association's Annual Members Show at the Thousand Oaks Community Gallery.

**Mike Panesis** (Management) received the Clean Business Investment Summit (CBIS) 2014 Legacy Award for his work for the startup community in the Central Coast area.

**Michael Pearce** (Art) received the William Wendt Award from the California Art Club (CAC) for raising the profile of the visual arts through his work on The Representational Art Conference (TRAC).

**Harry Starn** (Financial Planning) was appointed as Chair of the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards' (CFP®) Council on Education for 2015. The Council advises the CFP Board on the development and clarification of all educational policies related to the CFP® certification process. He was also appointed to serve on the Financial Planning Association's (FPA) Retreat 2015 conference task force.

### ***Faculty Searches***

**The Graduate School of Education** is pleased to announce the hiring of **Dr. Trudy Tuttle Arriaga**, currently Ventura Unified School District Superintendent. Dr. Arriaga will join the faculty of Cal Lutheran's Graduate School of Education, leading the Master's in Educational Leadership program on the main campus. Arriaga led the district for 14 years, the longest tenure of any sitting superintendent in Ventura County. She has earned numerous local and state awards including Pepperdine University Superintendent of the Year, Ventura Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year, California Association of Bilingual Education Administrator of the Year, and the Association of California School Administrators Marcus Foster Memorial Award for Administrator Excellence. Corwin Press Publications recently awarded her a contract to co-author a book on educational leadership and cultural proficiency.

### ***Faculty and Staff Development***

Over 100 full-time faculty and adjuncts attended the **Winter Faculty Retreat** in January, titled *Paths to Purpose: Finding Ways for Faculty and Students to Thrive*, featuring The Rev. Dr. Guy Erwin as the keynote speaker.

### **Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL)**

- Created and pilot-tested a student activity on vocation, and presented the findings at the Lilly Conference on College and University Teaching and Learning.
- Assisted in the creation, preparation, and revamping of approximately 40 classes.

### **Program Reviews**

External reviewer visits are scheduled for Spring 2015 for the PsyD program, the MS in Clinical Psychology program, English, Religion, MPPA and MBA Financial Planning.

### **Entrepreneurship Center**

The Entrepreneurship Center continued its successful Entrepreneur Speaker Series, hosting four events in October, November and December. The series has attracted sufficient attention that it has received two grants, one from Verizon and another from the Community Leaders Association. Students regularly attend the events, giving them an opportunity to learn from our distinguished speakers. [Click here](#) to view videos of past speakers in the Series.

Cal Lutheran faculty has submitted a proposal to begin offering a Minor in Entrepreneurship to any Cal Lutheran undergraduate student. Currently, the only way to study entrepreneurship at Cal Lutheran is to pursue a business degree in the School of Management. We hope that by offering the Entrepreneurship Minor to all students, we will give them an opportunity to expand their career horizons and perhaps acquire skills that enables them to make start-up's from the knowledge that that acquire in their majors.



The Entrepreneurship Center is organizing a New Venture Competition (NVC), open to all students. NVC teams will learn the fundamentals of starting a business and compete for cash prizes. The NVC Finals will take place at the end of April during Festival of Scholars Week.

### **Center for Economic Research and Forecasting (CERF)**

- **Bill Watkins**, executive director of CERF, presented the 2015 Ventura County Forecast during a seminar in November in Camarillo.
- CERF presented the 2015 Central Oregon Annual Oregon Quarter 1 Economic Forecast at an event in Bend, Oregon in January.

### **Collaborative Opportunities**

**The GSOE Department of Counselor Education** has revitalized its collaboration with the Los Angeles School District Pupil Services unit to

provide high quality internship opportunities to candidates in our Child Welfare and Attendance specialization. These school counselors work directly with those students who experience the most difficulty in achieving their academic potential due to personal/social, home, and community barriers. CLU is one of only three universities with whom LAUSD accepts interns in this important program.

## **Support student achievement across all programs**

### ***Student Services***

#### **Retention/Student Success**

- The latest four year graduation rate for Traditional Undergraduate students is now 67%, a 9% increase over the previous year.

#### **Center for Student Success (CSS)**

##### **Academic Services**

- During the fall term, the Academic Support Program for Graduate Students and Professionals helped 78.5% of their participants regain good academic standing; the MBA program had 87.5% of their participating students above a 3.0 GPA. Both percentages increased from the previous term (75% and 85% respectively).

##### **Disability Support Services**

- Implementing the new Disability Support Services online forms this past Fall 2014 has provided a more streamlined process for students requesting services.

#### **Student Support Services (SSS)**

- SSS officially moved to their new location at 3259 Pioneer Street. The new office space makes for better student accessibility as the office is very close to classes and the residence halls.

#### **Upward Bound**

- Of the 100 TRIO UB Seniors graduating this spring, over 50% of them have already been admitted to four year universities across the country, including Cal Lutheran University.
- All three TRIO Upward Bound Programs submitted Annual performance Reports to the US Department of Education prior to the Holiday Break
  - TRIO Upward Bound Math and Science - All objectives met.
  - TRIO Upward Bound CVP - All objectives met.
  - TRIO Traditional Upward Bound - All but one objective met (six-year college completion).

### **Information Systems and Services (ISS)**

- 831 students attended 95 Information Literacy sessions during the 2014 Fall Semester.
- The following new resources and online databases were added to the **Pearson Library** collection:
  - [The Chronicle of Higher Education](#) ProQuest Newsstand - offers unparalleled access to the full text of over 1300 newspapers, news websites and blogs from leading publishers throughout the world.
  - Underground & Independent Comics, Comix, and Graphic Novels. This is the first ever scholarly, primary-source database focused on adult comic books and graphic novels.
  - Kanopy - An online video collection covering topics such as film studies, sustainability & environment, gender studies, applied science, business and psychology, and more.

### **Build and modernize sustainable facilities**

In order to support and enhance the academic program, Information Systems and Services (ISS) made the following upgrades and enhancements:

- Implemented Stretch Internet services to webcast campus events and sports (including pay-per-view option).
- Replaced seven year old campus firewalls implementing Next Generation application aware firewall technology to enhance security of campus networks.
- In coordination with Auxiliary Services and Time Warner, completed implementation of digital TV across campus.
- In coordination with the Facilities department, planned the construction of the new flexible classroom in the Pearson Library, with estimated completion date toward the end of February.
- Installed new instructor's stations in Humanities classrooms.
- Replaced computers in the Physics lab (D-9).
- Implemented a home grown auto-indexing tool to automate the processing of supplemental items in the Admissions process, saving weeks of manual processing.

### **And attract students of high ideals and promise**

#### **Graduate School of Psychology**

- A "4+1" program is being proposed that will allow strong undergraduate students to complete a BA and MS degree in five

years. Such programs assist in recruiting top high school seniors and retaining exceptional students.

***School of Management***

- Received ranking as No. 58 of all MBA programs in the United States (out of more than 1,000 MBA programs).
- MBA-FP program was named as one of the 35 great schools for Financial Planning.

***Grants***

**Heidi Coronado (Education)** was awarded a President's Diversity Council Mini grant to present her research with Central American Youth at The Inter-University Program for Latino Research (IUPLR) Conference at the University of Notre Dame.