Ensuring Program Quality—Institutional Effectiveness Initiative

As part of the implementation of a broad initiative to improve and ensure program quality and effectiveness across the University, a new Office of Institutional Effectiveness was established within the Provost's office. Its task is to develop a consistent and reliable review process to measure effectiveness and ensure continuing improvement across all Pacific programs and services.

Dave Hemenway was hired in July as the new executive director of Institutional Effectiveness to direct this task. He brings more than 30 years of experience in assessment, institutional research, planning and management in a variety of educational, business and political environments. Throughout his career, he has specialized in turning data into useful information to facilitate decision making that has significantly improved programs and services.

The Office of Institutional Effectiveness has collaborated with the Institutional Research team to produce and begin using a template for program review that will provide consistent, reliable data. The information will help the University evaluate success and show where improvements are needed. It will also help track the impact of changes, to be certain of outcomes that are best for students and the University.

Vice President
Elizabeth Griego
Honored for Outstanding Service

Vice President for Student Life Elizabeth Griego was selected by the NASPA—Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education Board of Directors as the recipient of the 2013 Fred Turner Award for Outstanding Service. NASPA is the leading association of the student affairs profession. Griego has served in a wide range of leadership roles for the organization, including as NASPA president, and has worked to promote excellence in the field and to mentor and cultivate the next generation of student affairs practitioners.

She will finish a remarkable seven-year term at Pacific when she retires at the end of the school year.
Lumosity, a popular San Francisco-based online game company that creates games to improve memory and cognition, said user scores that were tracked over a five-year period show that Pacific students are among the smartest college students in the United States, beating out the likes of Princeton, Vassar and Notre Dame.

The company identified nearly 90,000 users who were logging in from a college campus, selecting a sample of approximately 60,000 users ages 17–25 from more than 400 colleges. Based on the average scores earned by students at each university, Pacific ranked 27 on Lumosity’s list of the top 50 best-scoring schools.

Kaiser Grant Funds Community Health Event

A $73,415 grant from the Kaiser Permanente Community Benefit program helped fund a comprehensive community health clinic and fair in March, benefitting both residents and students who were able to gain valuable hands-on experience.

The one-day clinic was geared toward the medically uninsured of all ages in San Joaquin County, with an emphasis on Stockton residents. Students, alumni, faculty and staff from the Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry provided a variety of services: immunizations; screening and monitoring for chronic conditions; dental services - both basic and preventive; health education outreach; and Medicare Part D review.
Degrees Are Adding Up—Two New Accounting Programs

In response to a recent surge in demand for four-year and graduate degrees in accounting, the Eberhardt School of Business is launching two new degree programs. The Master of Accounting and the Bachelor of Science in Accounting will be offered beginning fall 2013.

The new programs were benchmarked against the best accounting programs in the country and were developed to increase employment opportunities and lifetime earnings potential for Pacific students and to continue to attract quality students.

The increased demand is due in part to changes in California’s educational requirement for CPA licensure, which will increase to 150 hours beginning January 2014, and to stricter rules and regulations on the finance and accounting industries instituted in recent years. The Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts a 16 percent growth in accounting positions in the United States through 2020.

The new bachelor’s degree will require 128 hours of accounting and related business courses, and the master’s will require 30 hours. Students can also take advantage of the five-year, 150-hour program to earn both the bachelor’s and master’s degrees.

VOICES OF LIGHT: The Passion of Joan of Arc

The 1928 silent film The Passion of Joan of Arc, which has received critical acclaim as one of the most influential movies of all time, was given a “voice” at Pacific in a special multimedia performance last October. The digitally restored film was shown along with a full orchestral and vocal performance of an original score by Richard Einhorn.

The entire performance, called Voices of Light: The Passion of Joan of Arc, has received rave reviews in showings across the country over the past decade. Vocals were performed by Pacific professors and students and the internationally renowned female a cappella quartet Anonymous 4, accompanied by the Pacific Symphony Orchestra and musicians from the Stockton Symphony. Einhorn, who presented a master class earlier that week, introduced the film and performance to a packed house in Faye Spanos Concert Hall. It was a powerful and unforgettable experience for the performers and the audience alike.

The Grammy-winning singer was one of the keynote speakers for Pacific’s Black History Month celebration, where he gave a brief concert and shared his personal story and his role as the spokesperson for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA).
Take Heart—
New Treatment Center Offers Opportunity

A new treatment center established at Travis Air Force Base in Northern California will help both heart patients and Pacific pharmacy students, who will receive enhanced clinical training.

Collaboration between the Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, led by professor and regional coordinator for Travis AFB Sachin A. Shah and colleagues from the United States Air Force, helped launch the Enhanced External Counterpulsation (EECP) Center at David Grant Medical Center at Travis AFB. It is the first such center at a military treatment facility.

EECP is a procedure that has been shown to diminish symptoms and improve functional capacity and quality of life for those with heart conditions such as angina or heart failure. The technology has been around for more than 50 years but has been underused due to poor insurance reimbursement. A machine used in the procedure has been purchased with help from a research grant by the Clinical Investigations Facility.

In addition to contributing to important research on the effectiveness of the procedure, Pacific students will be able to participate in the management of patients undergoing treatments as part of their clinical training.

Rising Star

Theatre Arts major Joy Clark ’14 was selected as the 2012 Miss California American Coed last summer, qualifying her to compete at the national level, where she received the 2013 National Miss American Coed Actress Winner, National Miss American Coed Talent Winner, the Miss Personality Award and the People’s Choice Award at the national pageant held in Orlando. The pageant offers education scholarships for young women as well as opportunities to gain self-confidence and develop skills for onstage work and presentations.

Follies

A Musical Review

Students ham it up during their performance of “Follies: A Musical Review” last fall. Presented by Pacific Opera Theatre and the Stockton Opera Association and held at the Alex and Jeri Vereschagin Alumni House, the annual event continues to be a successful joint fundraiser thanks to generous donors and friends.

Feb 25

Nicholas Kristof

The two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning New York Times columnist spoke about what Americans need to know about the world at the School of International Studies’ Gerber Lecture Series.

Feb 26

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

The legendary NBA player and author was the second keynote speaker for this year’s Black History Month festivities, sharing life lessons from his years in pro basketball and his study of American history.
RENA FRA DEN, DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF THE PACIFIC

Rena Fraden took the helm on March 1 as the new dean of the College of the Pacific, the University’s largest academic unit. Fraden was selected in a national search to replace former Dean Tom Krise, who became president at Pacific Lutheran University.

Fraden has an impressive record of teaching, scholarship, advocacy and collaborative decision making. A literary historian whose work focuses on cultural institutions, she is the author of *Imagining Medea: Rhodessa Jones and Theater for Incarcerated Women* and *Blueprints for a Black Federal Theater*.

Previously, Fraden was dean of the faculty and vice president for academic affairs and the G. Keith Funston Professor of English and American Studies at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn. She holds a BA, summa cum laude, and a PhD in English from Yale University and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She was a faculty member at Pomona College for 23 years, where she also served as chair of the English department and associate dean. Fraden joined Trinity College in 2006, where she served as the chief academic officer, the second-ranking officer of the college.

STEVEN HOWELL, DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

Steven Howell was named dean of Pacific’s School of Engineering and Computer Science and will begin his new post in June. A former faculty member, he rejoins Pacific from the Botswana International University of Science and Technology, where he has served as the interim president since 2011.

Howell’s academic career began at Pacific, where he was a founding member of the Department of Mechanical Engineering and developed curriculum and laboratories for the newly created department.

A mechanical engineer with extensive experience in the classroom, in the lab and in industry, Howell has also studied and worked around the world. He holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees in mechanical engineering from Southern Methodist University and a PhD from the University of British Columbia. In addition to Pacific, he has taught at the University of British Columbia, the University of Zimbabwe, Northern Arizona University and Lawrence Technological University, where he served as associate provost and dean of graduate programs. He has held engineering positions with the Idaho National Engineering Lab, Ford Motor Company and Visteon Automotive Systems.

BILL HERRIN, DIRECTOR OF THE SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Pacific economics professor and former department chair Bill Herrin became the director of the School of International Studies (SIS) in January. For the past two years, Herrin has held a joint faculty appointment between the College of the Pacific and SIS.

On October 1, the School of International Studies became part of the College of the Pacific. SIS retains its full status as a school but administratively reports as a unit to the dean of the College. As director, Herrin will supervise SIS faculty and staff and will ensure quality academic programs for its students.

Herrin came to Pacific in 1985 and served as chair of the Department of Economics from 1997 to 2003. He also taught at Makerere University in Uganda and was a Fulbright Scholar and lecturer at that university in 1999–2000. His demonstrated passion for global education and his familiarity with faculty in both the College and SIS will help him leverage the strength of both entities to increase Pacific’s international profile.
Emerging Scholar

Ethel Nicdao, sociology professor in the College of the Pacific, was one of 12 educators selected as a rising star in *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education* magazine. In a special annual issue focused on “emerging scholars,” Executive Editor David Pluviose wrote:

“Nicdao is another example of the commitment to teaching, research and community service that exemplifies our latest class of scholars.”

Nicdao’s research centers on health disparities in and access to, as well as quality and delivery of health care services in low-income rural communities, with particular focus on Asian-American populations.

Extra Curricular

Business major José Rojas ’13 is more than just a good student with a better than 3.0 GPA. He is also one of the top-ranked professional racquetball players in the world. Rojas finished the 2011–12 season in third place, his third top-10 finish in his fourth year on the International Racquetball Tour. He played on the gold medal-winning Team USA in 2012 at the 16th International Racquetball Federation World Championships, earning a bronze medal in men’s singles. Rojas is coached by Dave Ellis ’65, the current coach of the U.S. National Racquetball Team, and Jody Nance ’90, ’03.

Quintessential Coach

Pacific Speech and Debate Coach Marlin Bates ’96, ’99, secured a $75,000 sponsorship from the San Joaquin Railroad Commission for the annual Pat Kennedy Round Robin Speech Tournament that was held in November. Speech topics for the tournament focused on transportation issues. At Point Loma Nazarene University’s annual tournament in February, Bates was honored with the Quintillian Award, which recognizes a coach each year for dedication and success in speech and debate. Bates has coached Pacific’s nationally ranked debate team since 2004. The team is ranked 10th in the nation as of the end of the 2012–13 debate season.

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Raising the Bar—
McGeorge Grads Take the Oath

More than 100 Pacific McGeorge graduates were sworn in as members of the State Bar of California and the federal bar last December in front of more than 300 family, friends, alumni and faculty members who packed into the campus lecture hall.

The 103 newly minted attorneys were part of a larger group of 189 McGeorge graduates who received notification that they had passed the state bar examination administered in July. Those unable to attend the Sacramento event were sworn in at other cities throughout the state.

Justice Ronald Robie ‘67 of the California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, and Judge Morrison England ’77, ’83, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, officiated at the event and offered words of advice to the newest lawyers. June Coleman ’97, president of the Sacramento Bar Association, encouraged the participants to take advantage of all available networking resources, and Dean Francis J. Mootz III congratulated the graduates on clearing their final hurdle to entering the legal profession.

Reforming Chinese Legal Education— McGeorge USAID Project Comes to a Close

In 2006, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) awarded a $2.3 million grant to Pacific McGeorge School of Law to fund legal education reforms in China. China embarked on an ambitious program to rebuild its legal system a number of years ago, adopting new laws to address a wide range of modern issues.

The grant proposal, written by McGeorge Distinguished Professor Brian Landsberg and international programs director Clémence Kucera, launched a collaborative endeavor between American and Chinese law schools to provide training and shape experiential learning curricula for nearly 150 Chinese law professors and thousands of students. It proved to be one of the most rewarding efforts undertaken in the history of the law school.

Over the six-year period, American professors trained Chinese professors how to use experiential learning techniques through clinic and advocacy work, covering everything from how to teach client interviewing and supervise student clinicians to the value of client-centered lawyering. Landsberg, who developed the program’s training concepts, traveled to China some 20 times.

Several Chinese law professors completed their Master of Laws (LLM) in experiential legal education at McGeorge and American University during yearlong exchange programs. The project also produced new books of curricular materials and effective practices in Chinese legal education, which were written collaboratively by the Chinese and American professors and distributed to 140 law schools throughout China.

Participating schools gave the program favorable reviews, and several of the Chinese law professors trained through the program have already gone on to teach their peers in China.
Diversifying Dentistry—Pacific Helps Launch Pipeline Program

Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, in partnership with American Dental Education Association, is launching the Dental Pipeline National Learning Institute. Pacific was one of 11 dental schools selected for the project.

A grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation will provide $12,000 along with other support and resources. The launch of the project, held at the dental school in October, included sessions covering best practices, advocacy and leadership; peer mentor match-ups; access to online courses; and fundraising and development tutorials.

The Dental Pipeline seeks to help dental institutions increase access to dental care by recruiting and admitting more underrepresented minority students, increasing students’ cultural competency, and educating dental students through community rotations in health centers and other safety-net dental settings. These concepts were the basis of a decade-long nationwide effort among dental schools and community partners that has helped increase dental education and access to care.

Spreading Dental Care—Faculty and Students Provide Dental Services in Jamaica

Thirty-six students and five faculty members from Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry traveled to Jamaica to participate in an annual humanitarian dentistry trip during the school’s fall break, providing free dental care and education at clinics and schools.

Over the course of their visit, hundreds of adults and children at four different clinic sites received oral health education and care that included screenings, restorative treatments and extractions. The volunteers also visited local schools to give young students instruction on proper oral hygiene.

The Jamaica trip was coordinated with the help of Jamaican nonprofit Great Shape! Inc. and was helped by a generous donation of supplies from Henry Schein.