USC Meeting Minutes
April 14th, 2021
Meeting via Zoom @ 1:00 pm

In Attendance:

- Ashley Leamon, Chair
- Andrew Pellens, Co-Chair
- Sarah Becker, Secretary
- Fr. Peter Donohue, Guest Speaker
- Amy Lenahan
- Alex Iannucci
- Alexander Richards
- Abigail Henshaw
- Akima Redding
- Catherine Ross
- Chrissy Quisenberry
- Christine Nass
- David Walsh
- Elaine Lamberto
- Jennifer Jeffrey
- Kelly Amber
- Lisa Harris
- Liz Remelius
- Lorraine Holt
- McKenzie Suber-Robinson
- Melissa Rosado
- Molly Freitag
- Muriel Murray
- Nat Harrison
- Nicole Gostkowski
- Rachel N’Diaye
- Therese Wosczyna
- Tim Bair

Agenda with Meeting Notes:

Guest Speaker: Father Peter

Miscellaneous Questions:

1. We have new USC reps in the space, so can you share why USC was created and how you envision this organization functioning within University governance moving forward?
   
   a. It came about from University Senate - 13 faculty, 13 students, 13 admin, 2 staff. Controlled beyond Fr. Peter, he wanted staff to have a voice especially after Senate disbanded. Want to discuss common themes and work with Faculty and Students
2. Will there be an official opening of the new Center for the Performing Arts this fall?
   a. Yet to be determined. Building is being used—may be an anti-climactic grand opening. Maybe a production will serve as a grand opening event for the center next year.
3. We heard you taught an undergraduate class this semester—was it in-person? What was your experience teaching during the pandemic?
   a. Since Fr. Peter has not been traveling, he’s been teaching 14 students, in-person most of the time. A very positive experience.

Social Justice/Campus Climate Related Questions:

1. What can staff do to support the University’s anti-racism initiatives and programming?
   a. Don’t be racist, be actively anti-racist. There has been the creation of an Aequitas Anti-Racism Task Force on campus. Please participate in the programming on campus, and add your voice to the dialogue. Take advantage of the ongoing efforts of this initiative on campus.

2. Will there be a town hall for faculty and staff regarding the sexual assault response on campus?
   a. Please join University President the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA; Public Safety Director/Police Chief David Tedjeske; Vice President for Student Life/Deputy Title IX Coordinator Kathy Byrnes and Title IX Coordinator Ryan Rost for a virtual Q & A on Sexual Violence Prevention and Response at Villanova. This event will be an opportunity to ask questions related to Villanova University's sexual violence prevention, response, education and resources. All Villanova faculty and staff are invited to attend. Registration link: https://forms.office.com/r/i53R8PRSqD

COVID-19 Related Questions:

1. What will campus look like this summer? With classes online, will employees be encouraged to work from home or be on campus? Will we have ½ day Fridays for the summer?
   a. Announcement(s) forthcoming – hopefully next week
      i. Waiting on the CDC for new guidelines
      ii. Hoping to come back in the fall
         1. Many details will need to be worked out on the department level
      iii. Juneteenth will be an official day off as well
      iv. No academic camps or conferences
         1. Looking to clean thoroughly this summer
      v. Maybe athletic camps, but limited – and no food provided
   b. My staff urgently has to move forward with summer preparations and conversations with other service departments if VU coaches camps are to proceed and have meals in the dining hall. We have been hearing chatter that those camps are indeed taking place but not from any official source. When will a final decision on VU coaches day camps be made? (see above answers)

2. With the pandemic, the Villanova community has shown success in working from home. Will leadership and HR revisit telecommunicating policies to allow for more flexibility to exempt and non-exempt? Research has shown flexibility increases productivity.
a. Decision will be left to individual departments – enforcement of M-F 9-5 will not be enforced from the President’s Office. Fr. Peter will ask that everyone come back, but determined ultimately by individual departments etc.

b. The telecommute policy for nonexempt staff after the pandemic is over? We have been told that nonexempt cannot telecommute as a HR policy, but the pandemic situation has proven that nonexempt library staff can work effectively via remote (see above)

3. Will Villanova require all students to be vaccinated against COVID-19 before returning to campus in the fall (unless they have a religious or health exemption)? The list of institutions that have announced such a requirement includes Rutgers, Brown, Cornell, Wesleyan, and Johns Hopkins. I think that it’s essential that Villanova joins this list, in the interest of the health and safety of everyone on campus.

   a. Much of this is determined by the state, and Villanova is awaiting that information. More information will likely be available in June. Of note – it wouldn’t just be students

4. Do you anticipate continued mitigation measures in the fall? And what recommendations do you have regarding departmental planning for fall? (see above)

5. What has been the most challenging aspect of navigating this past year? Are there lessons from the pandemic experience that would help the University handle potential future crises?

   a. Hopefully this never happens again, it has been a challenge. So many people have stepped up to answer this challenge and found new ways of doing things. Students were supportive since no one wanted to go home. Easter worked out well. We have learned lessons during move-in and move-out. What are other lessons that we’ve learned? Task Force has been formed. Ignite Change! Proud of the ability to not furlough any employees. Our experience on Villanova’s campus varies greatly from other Universities, in a beneficial way.

OPEN Q&A with Fr. Peter –

Lisa Harris, Athletics – What will the fitness center look like over the summer?

   a. Don’t anticipate much of a population on campus this summer, decision is up to the individual departments

Elaine Lamberto – Could we get ODEI reps in for some guest speaker slots for Staff Council?

   a. Discuss potential with Alex Iannucci

Community First Update:

- 56 events to coordinate before 5/16
  - All college departmental smaller events to celebrate graduates
- Great numbers on COVID cases
- Wonderful student-centered events taking place and more programming is forthcoming
- Task Force being formed from reps across campus to help advise how to move forward, adjusting to the “new normal”
- Vaccines available! Short notice is provided
- Think Negative Podcast
• Dr. Elaine Youngman – great episode that discusses how the testing is happening on campus
• Looking forward to celebrating and welcoming everyone else back in the fall

Updates on Old Business:

Childcare Assistance – Proposal is with Fr. Peter – more information coming shortly

Middle States - Added this line to the aspirations of the section on University Governance related to USC and Faculty Congress: “Current and former leaders of USC agree that the organization would benefit from refocusing the language in the charter around function and structure to increase the capacity for staff advocacy.”

COVID-19 Task Force USC Rep Participation

Thanks to McKenzie Suber-Robinson for agreeing to join this Task Force on behalf of USC!

Parking Office Response

Villanova does not plan to reimburse FY21 parking fees for faculty or staff who worked remotely this past year. While many community members worked from home this year, the University continued to pay all employees their full salaries, regardless of ability to work in some cases. Additionally, our parking fees, which are significantly lower than other area colleges and universities, have remained relatively unchanged for the last 20 years, making the rates we charge very reasonable. Finally, many employees did continue to come to work on campus and the parking facilities were open for use, and there is currently no system in place to determine who did or did not utilize parking facilities this past year.

We’re moving to Teams!

All updates going forward will be posted in Teams, no more Salesforce! Aligning with University Policy

Committee Updates:

Communication – Christine Nass
This month the committee is reviewing the website, looking for areas to update or rework, with a goal to update everything before the fall start up. Moving to Google or Microsoft Forms.

Community – Nat Harrison
Meeting on Friday – trying to determine how to celebrate and have an on-campus event.

Staff Development – Tim Bair
Benchmarking with other University Staff Councils to see what our possible avenues there are going forward.  
Clifton Strengths workshop? – Will look into this for a future event for Staff Council, outside of the general Staff Council Meeting  
Staff Recognition – Amy Lenahan  
Villagnome happening – look for a survey coming out shortly  
Staff Resources - Rachel N’Diaye  
One thoughtful suggestion was received asking that Villanova/HR look at continuing to offer the option of a hybrid in person/work from home schedule for staff in the future. This was forwarded to HR and we heard back that "the University will continue to look at and consider options in the short- and long-term as we navigate our way through the pandemic and plan for the post-pandemic work environment."

Area Updates:  
Athletics – Lisa Harris:  
- Sports are winding down, Intramurals resumed after Easter, Club Sports outside

Auxiliary Services – McKenzie Suber-Robinson:  
- Conference Services: Still waiting on a decision from University on the status of VU Coaches day camps.  
- Inn at Villanova: No new updates  
- Connelly Center: No new updates  
- Art Gallery: No new updates  
- Dining Services: No new updates  
- Mullens Performing Arts Center: No new updates  
- Graphic Services: No new updates  
- Bookstore: No new updates

Charles Widger School of Law – Jennifer Jeffery:  
- "Taking a Measure of the 'Biden Effect': American Catholics and The President"  
  - 15th Annual John F. Scarpa Conference on Law, Politics and Culture
- Seventh Annual Moorad Game Day Case Competition  
  - https://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/law/newsroom/events/2021/0310.html

College of Arts and Sciences – Elaine Lamberto:  
- The CLAS Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (All CLAS Faculty and Administrative Staff) Meeting was held on March 12th. Ariella Robbins, Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (ODEI), Associate Director of Education and Training was our guest speaker and spoke about the Campus Climate Reporting Form Process. Ariella is the point person who receives any bias concerns when they are reported through the form that is
located on their website, (the form and Campus Climate definition can be found at [https://www1.villanova.edu/university/diversity-inclusion/report-climate-concern.html](https://www1.villanova.edu/university/diversity-inclusion/report-climate-concern.html). The form on the website includes links for both internal and external community members. We were asked to share this information as not all colleges on campus may be aware of the link to the form as well as Arielle's contact information.

College of Professional Studies – Liz Remelius:

The College of Professional Studies is holding a summer academy for rising 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students. These two week sessions are fully online and are led by Villanova faculty, assisted by Undergraduate Fellows.

Session and Registration Information can be found here: [https://www1.villanova.edu/university/summer-sessions/pre-college-summer-academy.html](https://www1.villanova.edu/university/summer-sessions/pre-college-summer-academy.html)

Enrollment Management – Melissa Rosado:

- **Admissions:**
  
  The Office of Undergraduate Admission hosted a very successful virtual Admitted Students’ Day on Saturday, April 10 with 1,192 individual students registering from 43 states, 23 countries and Puerto Rico. There was an opening welcome session, followed by academic college presentations and 115 individual Zoom sessions (academic and student organization activity fair).

  A series of thematic panels and sessions for admitted will continue over the coming days. The Office of Undergraduate Admission is hosting a limited number of on-campus tours for admitted students.

- **Strategic Initiatives:**
  
  - HEERF II funding - The second round of distributing federal support dollars to assist students with financial need through the HEERF II fund was kicked off March 26 with block awards given to Undergraduate students who demonstrated financial need. A tiered approach to funding Undergraduate students was adopted by the Senior Leadership to assist the neediest students with the greatest dollar awards going to our Pell Grant recipients and then varying awards going to students who did not receive Pell Grants but demonstrated financial need. Undergraduate students who did not receive a block grant can still apply for funding if they can demonstrate financial need and have educational expenses related to COVID-19.
  
  - Graduate, Law and non-credit Professional Education students were not offered block awards but can apply for funding. Students can be either on campus or enrolled in an online program. For more information and links to the application please visit the website - [https://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/enroll/student-hardship-funds/heerf-ii.html](https://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/enroll/student-hardship-funds/heerf-ii.html)
  
  - While international and undocumented students are not eligible to receive federal HEERF II funds, they can still apply for assistance through the University’s Student Hardship Fund. The same application is used for HEERF II or Student Hardship Funds.
If you know a student who is having financial difficulties as a result of COVID-19, please direct them to apply as soon as possible. There is a separate email address set up to answer any questions related to these funds: finaidcovid19@villanova.edu.

- Office of Financial Assistance:
  The OFA continues to review files on an ongoing basis to assist in making the class of 2025.

- Registrar:
  No new updates

Falvey Memorial Library – Lorraine Holt:

Upcoming Events

- 2021 LITERARY FESTIVAL EVENT: HANNAH KHALIL

Thursday, April 15th, 2021, at 5:00 PM in Zoom

Please join us on Thursday, April 15 at 5 p.m. for a virtual reading and talk by the 2021 Charles A. Heimbold Jr. Chair for Irish Studies, Hannah Khalil, one of the Literary Festival's featured speakers.

Palestinian-Irish writer and playwright, Hannah Khalil holds the Charles Heimbold Chair of Irish Studies for Spring 2021 at Villanova University. Her work for stage includes A Museum in Baghdad, which opened at the Royal Shakespeare Company’s Swan Theatre in 2019, Interference for The National Theatre of Scotland, The Scar Test for Soho Theatre and Scenes from 68* Years for the Arcola. She is currently under commission to write new work for Shakespeare’s Globe, Chichester Festival Theatre, The Kiln and Golden Thread San Francisco. Alongside her theatre work, Khalil has written numerous radio plays, including The Unwelcome, Last of the Pearl Fishers and The Deportation Room all for BBC Radio 4. Television work includes multiple episodes of the Channel 4 drama Hollyoaks. Khalil’s first short film, The Record, won the Tommy Vine screenplay award at the Underwire film festival, and went on to be made. It was selected at London Palestine Film Festival and Almagro Festival as well as Filmets Badalona. It was a finalist in the Tolpuddle Radial Film Festival.

This ACS-approved event, co-sponsored by the English Department, the Creative Writing Program, the Honors Program, the Department of Theatre, Africana Studies, Global Interdisciplinary Studies, Gender and Women’s Studies, the Center for Irish Studies, and Falvey Memorial Library, is free and open to the public.

*Register in advance for this event:
https://villanova.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUlduyrrTkoGNAw5I3RwpJAxEU9dI3CzNyM

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the event.

- **SUSTAINABLE LIVING CONVERSATIONS FOR FACULTY AND STAFF: “EXPLORING RENEWABLE ENERGY SOLUTIONS FOR YOUR HOME”**
  
  Friday, April 16th, 2021, at 12:00 PM in Zoom
  
  In the run-up to Earth Day 2021, faculty and staff are invited to a series of sustainable living conversations where peers will share their experiences and answer questions. These conversations will be held over Zoom and will last a half hour.

  On Friday, April 16 at 12 p.m. a conversation on “Exploring Renewable Energy Solutions for Your Home” will be led by Christopher Kilby, Professor of Economics and Scott Dressler, Professor of Economics.

  Please register [here](https://villanova.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUlduyrrTkoGNAw5I3RwpJAxEU9dI3CzNyM) for this and other sustainable living conversations for faculty and staff.

  For a full list of Earth Day events, please click [here](https://villanova.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUlduyrrTkoGNAw5I3RwpJAxEU9dI3CzNyM).

- **2021 CONCEPT VIRTUAL RECOGNITION CEREMONY**

  Thursday, April 22nd, 2021, at 3:30 PM in Zoom

  Please join us on Thursday, April 22 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. as we celebrate the official launch of the 2021 issue of CONCEPT: interdisciplinary journal of the Graduate Studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The ceremony will recognize this year's top submission along with all of the student editors, faculty editors, and peer reviewers.

  This event, co-sponsored by Falvey Memorial Library and the Graduate Division of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, is free and open to the public.

  Please [REGISTER here](https://villanova.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUlduyrrTkoGNAw5I3RwpJAxEU9dI3CzNyM). Once registered, you will be sent a link to the event.

  For more information about CONCEPT, please visit: [http://concept.journals.villanova.edu/](http://concept.journals.villanova.edu/)

- **FALVEY FRIDAYS—POLICY MAP/SOCIAL EXPLORER**

  Friday, April 23rd, 2021, at 11:00 AM in Zoom
Join Deborah Bishov, Social Sciences & Instructional Design Librarian and Merrill Stein, Social Sciences Librarian, on Friday, April 23, from 11 a.m.–12 p.m. for a workshop entitled “Policy Map/Social Explorer.” Explore features of two easy-to-use, online demographic data mapping tools which draw on a combination of governmental, proprietary and open resources. Map data of interest and export and save visualizations for research or teaching. Knowledge of GIS (geographical information systems) is not required. This event, sponsored by Falvey Memorial Library, is free and open to the Villanova community.

Please register here. Once registered, you will be sent a link to the event.

• 2021 Falvey Scholars Virtual Research Presentation and Awards Ceremony

Friday, April 30th, 2021, at 9:00 AM in

The Villanova community is cordially invited to join us on Friday, April 30 at 9 a.m. for the 2021 Falvey Scholars Virtual Research Presentation and Awards Ceremony.

This program will provide the opportunity to recognize outstanding undergraduate research by the senior students who were selected as the 2021 Falvey Scholars from across Villanova’s campus. The event also serves as a recognition of the dedication of faculty in supporting undergraduate student-faculty collaborative research and scholarship.

During the event, award recipients will provide brief 10-minute presentations to highlight their overall research process and showcase a summary of their winning project. Presentations will emphasize the use of Library resources, which may include one-on-one librarian consultations, reference workshops, library books and journals, access to Interlibrary Loan, databases, and even quiet study space. 5 minutes of Q&A will take place after each student presentation.

This event, co-sponsored by Falvey Memorial Library and the Center for Research and Fellowships, is free and open to the public. Join us to recognize some of Villanova’s finest senior scholars!

Please register here.

For more information about Falvey Scholars, click here.

**Please note that this event will be recorded and photographed.**

Human Resources – Tim Bair:

• To reach the Bronze level in NOVAfit!, which makes you eligible to receive the medical discount rate, you have to take the PHA and earn an additional 500 points. Employees can still have their MD complete a physician affidavit form but it is no longer part of the
eligibility requirements. You can earn the additional 500 points through the many challenges on NOVAfit!

As a reminder, spouses on our plan only have to complete the PHA. This is not new, just a reminder.

- Open Enrollment begins on Monday until 4/23.
- We will be holding a virtual wellness fair from 4/12 to 4/22. Employees can register for these events by going to the https://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/hr/benefits.htm

Office of Mission & Ministry – David Walsh:

- Black & Asian Solidarity Event - Alpha Kappa Alpha and Sigma Psi Zeta are hosting a virtual Black & Asian Solidarity event on Monday, 4/19 at 7 PM. The event is being co-sponsored by Campus Ministry. This event will feature speaker Dr. Rory Kramer of Villanova's Department of Sociology and Criminology. Event info is listed on the attached flyer. The Zoom ID is 947 2313 6968.
- Graduate Student Petition for Healthcare - Graduate students at Villanova are petitioning the University for more support to manage the high cost of healthcare and they are seeking the help of students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members. Their petition reads as follows:

  "For years, students pursuing graduate studies at Villanova and who are financially dependent on the University have experienced financial and health precarity due to the lack of access to adequate and affordable healthcare. We have forgone urgently needed care because we could not afford it, or gone into debt in order to receive it. Our situation is unsustainable. This year, while still in the midst of a global pandemic, we again call on Villanova to provide fully subsidized health insurance to graduate students in this position. Would you please fill out this form to add your name to our petition? Next week, we will deliver this petition to Villanova University admins and the board of trustees. We are very grateful for your support during these difficult times. Thank you for helping us make our voices heard!"

  Here's the link to the petition sign up:

  https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd9r0SeZdNMT4gKy1ooFtt6gVIewgoE47Ipkd2ASH5msR6Bw/viewform

Office of the Provost - Akima Redding:

- Honors Program Upcoming Event:

  **Honors Thesis Defense Day: 4/23**

  All are cordially invited Friday, April 23rd, starting at 9 a.m. on Zoom for our Honors Thesis Defense Day. 46 Honors Seniors have completed their academic year-long research projects that culminate in their thesis defense. To attend a presentation, please e-mail Seniors directly for their Zoom Meeting Links. If you see a former student, advisee
or a topic of interest, we hope you can attend that student’s presentation. Link: Senior Thesis Viewbook 2020-2021.

Office of Student Life – Christine Nass:

Division of Student Life - April Update

General Announcements

- Kathy Byrnes was named VP of Student Life, effective April 1. [https://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/media/pressreleases/2021/0325.html](https://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/media/pressreleases/2021/0325.html)
- Volunteers needed on Friday and Saturday evenings in April, to assist with Community First events for students. Outdoors, on campus, 6:30-11pm. You’re with other people, with shared responsibility. Email Joe Citera if you are interested in volunteering. We would appreciate if you would share this info with your areas.
- We worked with campus partners to create the Wildcat Meal Share. Students with a valid meal plan can choose to donate a meal each semester that goes into a meal bank for students in need to draw from in small batches. Information can be found at: novanook.villanova.edu Staff can contribute with donations to NovaNook.
- We are holding DEI Listening Circles for all Student Involvement Staff in the next two weeks.

Community First Programming

- Dean of Students Office continuing to support various Community First initiatives on and off campus. Successful & well attended Community First programming took place for St. Patrick’s Day, the game watches, and Easter Weekend.
- Off-campus Community First event held at The Villas of Bryn Mawr this week for students, neighbors, township officials, and police.
- Continuing to proactively address and message positive decision-making surrounding COVID for the remainder of the semester, as well as address any COVID violations (which have decreased in the recent weeks)

Dean of Students Office

- Seeing overall strong compliance with COVID policies across the student body. Instances of non-compliance are addressed by the office under the Code of Student Conduct.

Disability Services

- Helping students & faculty communicate via zoom as there are not Level volunteers to do in-person support.
- Supporting several students to the finish line in May.
- Level is having its first retreat day outdoors on May 1 – first live student event this year.
- Holding an abbreviated outdoor Casino Night this year, April 30th.

Fraternity & Sorority Life
Interfraternity Council (IFC)
• Ran a successful IFC Expansion process, offering the opportunity to expand to our campus to Delta Chi next year and Delta Upsilon in the next 3-5 years.
• IFC Executive Board expanded from 6 position to 8 positions to allow for more productive relationships with chapter leadership and to provide more opportunities for the greater IFC community.
• While IFC Recruitment was canceled, we are looking for ways to have informational sessions and meet/greets soon and possibly virtual recruitment after May 15. If not virtual after school year, then plan/preparer for in person in fall.

Multicultural Greek Council (MGC)

• Ran a successful MGC Expansion process, offering the opportunity to expand to our campus for Sigma Beta Rho Fraternity, Inc. in Fall 2021 and Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority, Inc. in Fall 2022.
• Facilitated 7 intersectional allyship trainings to chapters over the past academic year, which covered topics of contextual history of fraternities and sororities, the history of culturally-based organizations, microaggressions, and other areas of allyship.

Panhellenic Council (sororities)

• Successful 100% Virtual Panhellenic Recruitment with 474 women receiving bids to chapters.
• Completion of the Panhellenic Extension process resulting in an invitation to Gamma Phi Beta Sorority to join our community in the next year.
• Successful implementation of a DEI chair position on all chapter executive boards as well as Panhellenic executive council.

Health Services

Health Center

• Cases remain low, even after increase surveillance testing & the Easter weekend potential bump.
• Rite Aid sponsored COVID-19 vaccine clinics took place last week for employees, and again this Friday – limited vaccines available.

Counseling Center

• This year UCC has given 62 educational programs on Mental Health
• Counseling statistics
  1003 clients for 5967 appointments held
  90% are seen in 10 or fewer sessions. Average is 4 sessions.
  4518 consults about students with faculty/staff/parents/other mental health providers
  20% of the students seen had previous medicine for psych conditions
  3% had been psychiatrically hospitalized
  48% had counseling previously
• Race/ethnicity breakdown of clients: 74% Caucasian; 10% Asian; 8% African American; 7% Latinx; 2% Multiracial

Health Promotions

• Health Promotions has an #iwearmymaskfor campaign. Staff can participate and learn more about the campaign at Villanova.edu/healthpromotion or http://bit.ly/Iwearmymaskfor
• April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Flyer is attached with files at right.
International Student Office

- Trying to help international students stay afloat with lack of on-campus jobs this year.
- Processing student work visas for post graduation.
- Processing students for next year.

Music Activities

- Changing Name to Office of Student Performing Arts to better represent all of our groups, which include 8 dance groups in addition to instrumental & choral music.
- Friday night is Dance Palooza ahead of NovaDance. 8 in-house student Dance Groups and IllStyle & Peace Productions – a Philadelphia based hip hop group that was an official touring company (arts ambassadors) for the US State Department. Tickets are available on VUtix. Staff are encouraged to attend & support the students.
- A Cappella Palooza was held last weekend with more than 500 in attendance on Mendel field – with a successful live stream with over 1000 views.
- The Villanova Supernovas Advanced to the Semifinals (top 8) of the International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella 2021 Tournament held on 4/10. They won a wildcard spot to move on to the next round. You can view their video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A-JExZd7Dn0

Orientation

- We are planning for the 2021 New Student Orientation Program in August, hoping the guidelines are more conducive to increasing in-person opportunities. Expecting to bring lessons learned from 2020 program into this year, including possible virtual delivery of information to students and families through video components. August 19-22.

Student Involvement

- NovaDance is all day on Saturday, 4/17, on Mendel Field.

UNIT – Nicole Gostkowski:

- Support COVID Testing and Vaccination
- Card Reader Upgrades
- BlackBoard Collaborate Ultra > Transition to Zoom in Summer of 2021, e-mail forthcoming
- Wildcard Portal for Access Requests

University Advancement – Molly Freitag:

- Reunion 2021 will be taking place virtually this year. Registration is set to launch next week. We will be combining celebrations for classes ending in 0, 1, 5 and 6, and with virtual events throughout the week of June 7-13. LINK COMING SOON

Villanova School of Business – Kelly Amber
Villanova School of Business April 2021 Updates:

VSB Diversity and Inclusion: Why Teach Inclusively?
Two upcoming sessions focused on Creating an inclusive classroom environment, links to register below.

**Sustaining an Inclusive Classroom with Kelly Maxwell & Brighid Dwyer**
Friday, April 16
12:1-30 p.m.
This session will incorporate practical scenarios and resources for both in person and virtual classrooms. Attendees will learn how to incorporate these resources into their academic environment, from syllabus to situational conversation.
https://explore.villanova.edu/register/Sustaining_Classroom_DEI?utm_campaign=Fall18_CCOpenHouse_Invit
ve4&utm_source=Email&utm_medium=email

**Tools to Teach More Inclusively with Libby Roderick**
Friday, April 30
12-1:30 p.m.
This workshop will introduce faculty to concrete tools they can use to make their classrooms more inclusive for all. Attendees will leave with tactical skills, ready for immediate application.
https://explore.villanova.edu/register/Tools_Teach_Inclusive_DEI?utm_campaign=Fall18_CCOpenHouse_Invit
e4&utm_source=Email&utm_medium=email

**VSB Stakeholder's Summit**
Friday, April 23, 2021
8:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Leadership Through Crisis
Virtual Event
Honoring distinguished alumni leaders and their impact at VSB, including the 2021 Rev. Joseph C. Bartley, O.S.A. Alumni Medallion Recipient Denise L. Devine '77 VSB '83 MT

**VSB 2021 Research Insights Symposium**
Tuesday, May 4th, 2021
1pm-4:30pm
The Future of Health Care Management
Virtual Event
Third annual Villanova School of Business (VSB) Research Insights Symposium on “The Future of Health Care Management” to be held virtually on Tuesday, May 4, 2021. The Symposium was postponed from May of 2020 and will now take place in virtual format. As was the case last year, the Fitzpatrick College of Nursing (FCN) is joining VSB as co-sponsor. Our keynote speaker is David Pacitti, President of Siemens Medical Solutions USA, Inc. and Head of the Americas, Siemens Healthineers.

You can review the event details, including a draft agenda, and register at the link below.
https://na.eventscloud.com/website/9971/home/

No Updates:

- College of Engineering – Therese Wosczyina
- Facilities Management – Muriel Murray
- Financial Affairs – Alex Richards
- Fitzpatrick College of Nursing – Rachel N’Diaye
- Public Safety – Amy Lenahan
- University Communications and Marketing – Nat Harrison
New Business:

Thanks to Catherine Ross and Abigail Henshaw for all of their help and guidance!

Adjourn @ 2:10

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 12, 1-2 pm
BLACK+ ASIAN SOLIDARITY

ACS-APPROVED DISCUSSION ON RACE RELATIONS OF AND BETWEEN BLACK AND ASIAN AMERICANS

MONDAY, APRIL 19TH 2021, 7PM

GUEST SPEAKER:
DR. RORY KRAMER, PH.D.
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND CRIMINOLOGY

MEETING ID: 947 2313 6968

JOIN US FOR A PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF RACE RELATIONS BETWEEN BLACK AND ASIAN AMERICANS. THIS WILL BE A SAFE SPACE FOR ALL TO PARTICIPATE.