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Cal U Conducts Day of Service

Putting Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s philosophy into practice, 175 students took part in Cal U's 10th annual Day of Service on Feb. 5.

Volunteers from various campus clubs and organizations tackled 26 service projects that assisted 21 nonprofit organizations.

The national Day of Service is held annually on the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. For the second consecutive year, the University's extended winter break shifted the event to the second week of the semester.

"Even though the semester is already under way, our students want to do service work and help the community," said Diane Williams, director of the Center for Civic Engagement, which coordinated the activities.

"Their enthusiasm was clearly evident. All in all, it was a pretty good day."

A blood drive organized by Central Blood Bank collected 38 units of blood — potentially enough to save 114 lives — and bone marrow screenings were conducted through the Be The Match Foundation.

In the Performance Center, students combined creativity with a desire to serve as they created nearly 1,800 craft projects.

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Cal U students JaQuan Cornish and Michelle Goldsborough decorate shamrocks for the Golden Living Center during the Feb. 5

Intern on Duty in Senate Minority Office

enior Mario Coppola is working in the state Senate Minority Research Office in Harrisburg as part of a 15-week internship sponsored by the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE).

A political science major with a minor in history, Coppola is one of 14 students currently participating in The Harrisburg Internship Semester (THIS) program, which gives students the opportunity to work in all areas of state government while earning a full semester's worth of credits.

THIS invites students from each of the 14 PASSHE universities to participate. Coppola and his fellow THIS participants will attend academic seminars and complete an individualized research project as part of the program's requirements.

Coppola, of Venetia, Pa., is a 2008 graduate of Peters

Township High School. During the fall semester, he completed an internship at the Republican National Convention in



Mario Coppola

Tampa, Fla.

"It was amazing to experience politics at the national level," Coppola said.

As for his experience in Harrisburg, "I've taken many courses involving politics, so I'm excited to put practice into play. The chance to rub shoulders with a senator is something not many people

can experience, so I feel extremely lucky to be chosen for THIS."

More than 500 students from

PASSHE universities have participated in THIS since the program began in 1989.

Interns have worked with dozens of state agencies, as well as in the offices of the governor, the speaker of the House of Representatives and the attorney general.

Students may obtain information about the program by contacting the Cal U Internship Center, or by calling the Dixon University Center at 717-720-4089. More information on the program also is available at: www.passhe.edu/this.



Entrepreneur Dares Students to 'Be Amazing'

Eric Kulikowski, an engineer-turned-business coach and commercial real estate investor, dared Cal U students to be amazing during a Feb. 5 presentation in the Convocation Center. The Entrepreneurial Leadership Center and Student Incubator at Cal U sponsored the event. See story on page 2.

Virtual Grad School Fair Feb. 26

al U will join 10 other PASSHE universities for a Virtual Grad School Fair, a convenient, online opportunity to explore master's degree and post-baccalaureate certificate programs without the need for travel.

Men and women who are considering graduate school can log in from anywhere in the world to interact with admissions representatives live online.

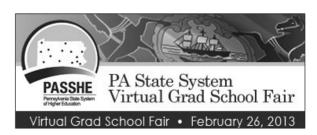
Staff from Cal U will be available from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. Feb. 26.

The real-time "live chat" sessions are designed to introduce prospective students to a variety of graduate school options, including Cal U's face-to-face master's degree programs and Cal U Global Online.

If they wish, prospective students may upload their resumes before the event, so representatives can provide personalized advice.

The event's online format makes it convenient for current students or working adults to find answers to their questions about graduate school.

Free, one-time registration enables a prospective student to meet representatives from multiple schools, including Clarion, East Stroudsburg, Edinboro, Kutztown, Lock Haven, Mansfield, Millersville, Shippensburg, Slippery Rock and West



Chester universities.

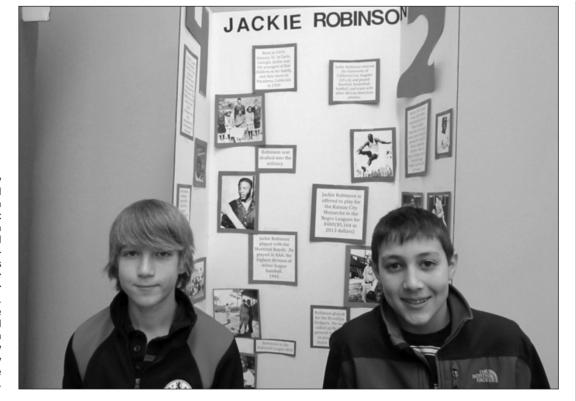
All are members of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, which is sponsoring the fair.

"This is an innovative and convenient way to reach out to those who may have questions about both our on-campus and online graduate programs," said Pamela Murphy, executive director of graduate enrollment management at Cal U.

Murphy will join Cal U staff members Suzanne Powers and Devon Markish to answer questions about graduate programs. Kristy DeBord, of Cal U's Office of Web-Based Programs, will address questions about Global Online.

For registration and more information about the Virtual Grad School Fair, visit www.calu.edu or PAGrad.CareerEco.net.

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Sewickley Academy eighth-graders Neill Peirce (left) and Ben Clouse stand in front of their exhibit on Jackie Robinson and other African-American athletes who broke the color barrier in their respective sports. More than 140 middle and high school students competed in the Feb. 4 Primary **Sources History Day** contest in the **Convocation Center.**

Area Students Compete at Sixth Annual History Day

ore than 140 middle and high school students from the Sewickley Academy, Belle Vernon Area, Central Christian, Charleroi, McGuffey, and Monessen schools competed at the sixth annual Primary Sources History Day contest Feb. 4 in the Convocation Center's south conference wing.

Sponsored by the Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources program in collaboration with the Department of History and Political Science, the event is modeled after the National History DayTM competition.

Dr. Michael Brna, director of Cal U's Teaching with Primary Sources program, said the campus event began in 2008 with just three school districts and 30 students.

Many of the Cal U History day participants will move on to the regional competition, known as NHD Pitt, which will be held March 2-3 at the Senator John Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh.

"We are excited to present this opportunity to come to Cal U for the day and present the work that you find interesting and are passionate about," Brna said. "We encourage you to take the feedback from this day, go back and refine your projects for the regional event."

This year's National History Day theme is "Turning Points in History: People, Ideas, Events." Students were judged on the exhibits, documentaries, performances, websites and historical research papers they created to support the theme.

Judges and event volunteers included Cal U students from the departments of History and Political Science and Education, as well as current and retired educators and members of local historical societies.

Students from the McGuffey School District competed at Cal U for the first time this year. Sixth-graders Colin Walters and Ivy Cole proudly displayed a website titled "McGuffey's *Eclectic Readers*: A Turning Point in American Education."

The site focused on William Holmes McGuffey, who published *The Eclectic Readers* in 1836. The textbook series taught children to read, and it is still in use today.

"We learned that (McGuffey) taught at age 14, so he was both a good teacher and a student," said Walters. "Researching him was interesting. We are excited to be here and also to go to the event in Pittsburgh."

Accompanying the McGuffey students was longtime gifted-support teacher Kelly McGuier, who currently is studying Arabic through Cal U Global Online.

"I like Cal U, and this is part of why I try to bring our students here," she said. "In addition to competing, it's important for them to see and experience a university setting, but oftentimes they just can't get this kind of opportunity." Neill Peirce and Ben Clouse, eighth-graders at Sewickley Academy, began work on their exhibit by focusing on Jackie Robinson. But their research soon led them to learning about other African-American athletes who broke the color barrier in their respective sports.

Athletes depicted in their exhibit included Pittsburgh native Chuck Cooper, who in 1950 was the first black player drafted by the National Basketball Association; Willie O'Ree, the first black player in the National Hockey League; and tennis great Arthur Ashe.

"Since it's Black History Month and we found out about so many other athletes, we wanted to include them," said Pierce, who described the Convocation Center as "awesome."

One of the judges was Steve Russell '70, recently retired superintendent of Belle Vernon Area School District, who has served as a History Day judge at the local, regional and state levels. He explained that each participant had earned the opportunity to compete at Cal U by succeeding in a school-based contest.

"This competition here (at Cal U) mirrors the regional competition. ... It's important that we judges are consistent to help prepare these students as much as possible," Russell said.

"Those students who are fortunate enough to move on to the state (contest) are really good, because there's a lot of strong competition."

Speaker: 'Dare to Be Amazing'

ric Kulikowski dared Cal U students to be amazing during his lecture Feb. 5 in Duda Hall.

Using the acronym D.A.R.E., Kulikowski outlined the keys to success in both business and life.

He urged the audience to Define goals, Attack with a plan, Render decisions that matter and Embrace significance.

"As we grow older, sometimes we lose that ability to know how to get from having an idea to getting things done," he said. "Having a plan of attack is how you get to be amazing."

The presentation included motivational video clips and inspirational stories about successful people in business.

"Today really motivated me to control whatever I can in life," said Lemar McFall, a sophomore computer engineering major. "Every opportunity that you have, use it to get where you want to go."

The most powerful story of the presentation was Kulikowski's story of following his own dreams.

"I always wanted to be astronaut when I was a child," he said. "Even more specifically, I wanted to be a payload astronaut. So I created a plan of attack and went for the dream."

Kulikowski's dream came crashing down when his grades as a mechanical and aerospace engineer were not high enough to land him a job with the aerospace industry giant Lockheed Martin.

Instead of giving up, he camped outside a Lockheed Martin recruiter's office. When a student didn't show up for a scheduled interview, Kulikowksi was given 10 minutes to impress the recruiter. He did just that.

"At that moment in my life, I had to make a decision to make myself significant," he said.

Although Kulikowski never made it into space, he did become a rocket scientist at Lockheed Martin. He was responsible for engineering parts of rockets that flew into space.

"His story showed me that I have to make my own path and go get experience," said freshman business major Jasmine Gonzalez.

"Even if you don't get paid, you need experience to help shape your plan of attack."

Kulikowski left Lockheed Martin after realizing he had achieved most of his dreams using the D.A.R.E. method. He wanted to fulfill another dream by helping others become amazing, he said.

"Life doesn't just happen; you have to make it," he told the audience.

"You have to play a role in it. You can't just be a passenger in life. Your life is happening right now, so make it amazing. I dare you."

Campus BRIEFS

Blood Drive a Success

Students from both Cal U and Slippery Rock University donated blood to the American Red Cross at their respective campuses before the winter break.

In all, 94 units of blood were collected at the two schools.

Student Government sponsored the Cal U event, which was held at the Performance Center. More than 100 Cal U students registered to donate, although not all were eligible.

Brendan Demmy received a \$25 Wal-Mart gift card for displaying the most Cal U spirit.

Academic Open House Programs Begin Today

Cal U has scheduled three Academic Open House programs during the spring semester. The programs are designed to introduce prospective students to Cal U or give accepted students a chance to explore campus.

Programs are scheduled from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. today; Saturday, March 9; and Saturday, April 13. Students and families who attend will learn more about Cal U's programs of study, housing, extracurricular activities and student life. They also can meet faculty members and tour the campus.

For more information or to register online, visit www.calu.edu . Prospective students also may contact the Welcome Center at 724-938-1626 or e-mail Carrie Pavtis at pavtis@calu.edu .

Student Convocation Feb. 26

Acting President Geraldine M. Jones will host the 2013 spring student convocation Feb. 26 in the Convocation Center's south conference wing. Open to all current Cal U students, the convocation will be held during the common hour, beginning at 11 a.m.

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Freshmen, Seniors Part of National Survey

his spring the Office of
Continuous Improvement will be
administering the National
Survey of Student Engagement to a
random sampling of Cal U's first- and
senior-year students.

The NSSE is administered by the Indiana University Center for Postsecondary Research in cooperation with the Indiana University Center for Survey Research at Indiana University-Bloomington. Through IUB, some Cal U students will receive an invitation to participate in their campus e-mail boxes.

The survey is completed online. This important endeavor has been authorized by Acting President Geraldine M. Jones, who urges all invited students to participate.

Feedback from past student surveys has led Cal U to take steps that enhance student satisfaction with academics and campus life. One example is the university-wide "common hour," when no classes are held so students can attend meetings, convocations and other campus-wide events.

"I encourage all students to participate in this important study," said Acting President Jones. "The results will allow us to assess and improve the



Data collected from the National Survey of Student Engagement helps Cal U assess and improve the quality of its academic offerings and campus life.

quality of our academic offerings, as well as the value of each and every student's diploma upon graduation."

The NSSE survey is short and easy for students to complete. It asks undergraduates about their interactions with educationally important activities and groups.

More than 1,000 four-year colleges and universities in the United States and Canada have used the NSSE to better understand the extent to which students and institutions are engaging in effective teaching and learning activities, and to develop programs and practices that foster student

engagement. The results provide a "snapshot" of how undergraduates spend their time and what they gain from attending college.

Institutions will use their data to identify aspects of the undergraduate experience, inside and outside the classroom that can be improved through changes in policies and practices.

The information is also intended for use by prospective college students, their parents, college counselors, academic advisers, institutional research officers and researchers in learning more about how students spend their time at different colleges and universities and what they gain from their experiences.

By the end of this month, NSSE invitations will be sent to students' University e-mail addresses. IUB will send follow-up e-mails to the students through early April, and Web survey administration will close June 1.

After IUB analyzes the NSSE data, the 2013 reports will be sent to participating universities. Results should be available in August.

For more information about the NSSE survey, contact Bruce Barnhart, acting provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, at 724-938-1673.



Alexis Closson proudly displays her Valentine's Day heart for the American Heart Association.

Students Volunteer During Annual Day of Service

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They assembled personalized journals for the Washington County Drug and Alcohol Commission to use in its prevention education programs in local schools.

They decorated shamrocks with traditional Irish blessings for the Golden Living Center in Uniontown, Pa., and created ornaments for Medi-Home Hospice Care and the Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh.

They made 200 flags for American Legion Post 377's Valentine's Day celebration, created valentines for seniors at the Center in the Woods, and made food items and decorations for the California Food Pantry.

Setting aside the glitter and glue, many students took a moment to sign Casey's Pledge, a promise not to drive while intoxicated. Options@CalU sponsored the sobriety campaign.

Sophomore Kaisha Aiken and junior April Weirich joined in the Day of Service activities for the first time this year.

Aiken, a liberal arts major, helped to make personalized journals, and her sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha, added motivational phrases to cutout hearts for the American Heart Association.

"All the Greek organizations support the MLK Day of Service," she said. "We are just doing our part."

Weirich, a psychology major and a firstyear AmeriCorps student, kept a watchful eye on the projects at three tables while she made candy treats for the food pantry.

"I love doing volunteer work, and being with AmeriCorps provides a lot of opportunities for us to do service projects," she said. "Service work of any kind is important."

Travis Miles, a senior in the parks and recreation management program, said he was impressed by what he saw when he stopped at the Performance Center.

"You have to admire our students for helping," he said. "They could just come up here to hang around, but they are getting involved and doing their part."

Williams anticipates that the Day of Service will be just the start of a semester filled with volunteer activities.

"Our students realize the need to give of their time throughout the year," she said, "and we're looking to keep them busy."

For more information about other volunteer opportunities or the Center for Civic Engagement, contact Diane Williams at Williams_d@calu.edu or at 724-938-4794.

JLS Speaker Series Continues Tuesday

retired state trooper will share his experiences Tuesday as part of the Justice, Law and Society speaker series.

Richard D. Kuba will speak at 11 a.m. tomorrow in Room 110, Eberly Hall.

He joined the Pennsylvania State Police in 1969 after being honorably discharged from the U.S. Army, where he had served in the military police and assisted in the capture of Ernesto "Che" Guevara, a revolutionary leader.

Kuba spent his 25-year career with the state police working in Troop T, which covers the



Richard D. Kuba

Pennsylvania Turnpike. He was a trained accident reconstruction expert and also served on the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program.

After retiring in 1994, Kuba started Kujak Testing, which provides on-site workplace drug testing and Breathalyzer

services

His daughter, Dr. Cassandra Kuba, is a faculty member in the Department of Justice, Law and Society.

Admission to the series is free and the public is welcome. For more information about upcoming speakers, visit www.calu.edu, keyword "justice, law and society."

Black History Month Events Set This Week

al U's Black History Month celebration continues with two events this week.

"Decades of Fashion," the second annual Black History Month fashion show, will be held at 8:30 p.m. Friday in the Performance Center, inside the Natali Student Center.

On Saturday a bus will depart from in front of Manderino Library at 2 p.m. for a trip to the August Wilson Center for African-American Culture in Pittsburgh, where travelers will view an exhibition on loan from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. "National Olympics: Berlin 1936" explores the courage and triumph of athletes who boycotted, participated in or were barred from those Olympic games.

The trip will conclude with a stop at the Waterfront. The bus heads back to campus at 8 p.m.

Cost of the trip is \$4 per person. Deadline to register is Thursday; students can sign up with their CalCard at the Natali Student Center Information Desk. Staff and faculty interested in attending should contact LaMont Coleman at 724-938-5697 or coleman_lm@calu.edu .

A complete schedule of Black History Month events is available at www.calu.edu.

THE CALIFORNIA **UNIVERSITY FORUM**

February 19, 2013/4:00 p.m, Carter Hall, Multipurpose Room

TENTATIVE AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

IV. MINUTES OF January 29,

(Approved by e-mail ballot - refer to Forum website or Public Folders in Outlook)

V. MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(Informational Only - Minutes February 5, 2013)

VI. PRESIDING OFFICER'S **REPORT**

A. Miscellaneous Information B. President's Response to Motion B. Notice of Executive Committee Meeting: March 12, 2013 -

University Community Welcome VII. Committee Reports/Updates

a. Ad-hoc Review Committee b. Budget Committee

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

IX. INTERPELLATION

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stability in administrative positions, meaning fewer interim and acting positions, and to conduct outside institution hires for those available positions when they arise (recommended by Middle States) [long range] b. To review and comment upon the Middle States written recommendations [annual] c. To permit administrative privileges for qualified faculty and students on university computers or laptops upon administrative approval and with appropriate safeguards and timeframes [annual] d. To have administrators seek greater input from faculty or students through their representative bodies (i.e. APSCUF, Senate, Forum) when making curricular or pedagogical decisions

a. To have greater permanence and

[long range] e. To create an institutional research office responsible for independent, objective collection and dissemination of institutional data (an integral component of faculty/administration communication) [long range] f. To demonstrate integrity in marketing class sizes using student:faculty ratio [annual] g. To recognize that a broad-based liberal education prepares students for future vocational choices, and a four-year university degree should not serve primarily as vocational training

XI. NEW BUSINESS

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS Next FORUM Meeting MARCH 26, 2013

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Daffodil Days Orders Due by Feb. 26

The American Cancer Society has announced that this will be the final year for Daffodil Days, one of the organization's oldest and most beloved fundraising programs.

Cal U again will participate, offering fresh-cut flowers and collectibles in return for a donation to support cancer research.

American Cancer Society supporters can order a bunch of 10 cut daffodils for \$10; a pot of minidaffodils for \$12; a vase with daffodils for \$15; or the "Ray O. Hope collectible Boyd's Bear with daffodils for \$25. Daffodil yellow or chocolate lollipops are available for \$1 each.

In addition, donors can make anonymous gifts through two initiatives: for \$25, Project Care will send a bear with daffodils to a child; or for \$25, \$50, \$75 or \$100, Gift of Hope will send a bunch of daffodils to a



treatment facility. The American Cancer Society also accepts general contributions to support its mission.

In the past 14 years, Daffodil Days has raised more than \$240 million in gross revenue to support the work of the American Cancer Society.

Last year, Washington County

raised more than \$100,000 through the Daffodil Days campaign. The Cal U campaign raised \$2,300, more than twice as much as the \$900 total in

Order forms for this year's Daffodil Days campaign have been distributed on campus. Additional copies are available at University Printing Services in Azorsky Hall, Room 103.

Checks should be made payable to the American Cancer Society. Orders are due by Feb. 26; send them to campus coordinator Julie Kingsley, of Printing Services, at Box 111.

Flowers will be ready for pickup after noon on March 20 in the Azorsky Hall lunchroom, or you can ask to have them delivered to an office by the student group STAND (Students Taking a New Direction).

For more information, e-mail kingsley@calu.edu or call 724-938-5518.

THE CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY FORUM

JANUARY 29, 2013/4:00 p.m., Carter Hall, Multipurpose Room #G06

MINUTES

The California University Forum met in regular session Tuesday, November 6, 2012 in Carter Hall, Multipurpose Room #G06. Presiding Office Hoover called the meeting order at 4:10 p.m.

The following senators were

in attendance: Dr. Bruce Barnhart Mr. Rick Bertagnolli Mr. Craig Butzine Ms. Courtney Cochran Dr. John Confer

Mr. Brendan Demmy

Mario Majcen

Not applicable

Richard LaRosa

Mrs. Geraldine Jones Dr. Chad Kauffman Dr. Kevin Koury Ms. Kelly Lloyd Ms. Jasmine Owens Dr. Carrie Rosengart Mr. Gary Seelye Dr. Craig Smith Ms. Brittaney Stephanik Dr. Pamela Twiss Ms. Sheleta Webb

Dr. Tom Wickham

Ms. Fran Fayish

The following were also in attendance: Mr. Douglas Hoover,

Dr. Kimberly Woznack

Presiding Officer Mr. Loring Prest, Parliamentarian Mrs. Dana Turcic, Recording

The following senators were absent: Dr. Ralph Belsterling Dr. Bill Biddington Ms. Alexandra Brooks Ms. Roberta Busha Mr. Michael Crosen Ms. Amy Dunn Mr. Todd Edwards Mrs. Rhonda Gifford Dr. Stanley Komacek

Dr. Sean Madden

Ms. Georgia Minor Mr. Thomas Moore Mr. Josh Mrosko Ms. Sharon Navoney Mr. William O'Donnell Mrs. Rosanne Pandrok Dr. Nancy Pinardi Ms. Jenna Terchanik Mr. Robert Thorn Mr. Stephen Zemba

Due to the lack of a quorum of Forum senators, Presiding Officer Hoover adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m. Reminder the next FORUM Meeting is FEBRUARY 19,

CERTIFIED RESULTS OF FACULTY ELECTION: CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY FORUM

Presiding Officer Hoover presented the following faculty election results to the Executive Committee via e-mail ballot for certification. The Office of Continuous Improvement submitted the results, which were tallied electronically.

Eligible faculty members were notified via e-mail that the election would take place on November 29 and 30, 2012 and the instructions on how to vote were included in the email. Two hundred forty-nine (249) full-time permanent faculty members were eligible to vote. One hundred seventeen (117) votes were recorded, for a voter participation rate of forty-seven percent (47%.)

The Office of Continuous Improvement submitted the results, which were tallied electronically and reported the results as follows:

Notification and Certification of Faculty Election Votes:

Eberly College of Science and Technology [Vote for two (2)] 37.2% John Confer *Christine Toras 40 35.4% Kyle Frederick 31.0% Matthew Price

*Note: Multiple answer percentage-count totals not

<u>Liberal Arts:</u> [Vote for one (1)]
*Mark Aune 46.8% Drew McGukin 50 45.9% Not Applicable 7.3% 109 Totals: 100.0% At-Large: [Vote for one (1)]
*Gary Seelye – Education
Susan Jasko – Liberal Arts 23.9%

18.8% Mark Aune – Liberal Arts 10.3% Christina Toras - Science & Tech 10.3% 7.7% 7.7% Mario Majcen - Science & Tech Drew McGukin - Liberal Arts Kyle Frederick – Science & Tech 6.0% Matthew Price - Science & Tech 6.0% Richard LaRosa - science & Tech 4.3% John Confer - Science & Tech 3.4% Not Applicable 100.0%

[* Denotes top vote-getters in each college.]

By unanimous vote of the Executive Committee, the faculty election results were <u>certified</u>.

A plurality of the votes cast was necessary to win. The successful candidates will assume their terms at the September 3, 2013, Forum Meeting.

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