

Subject: Campus Community Update for Feb. 12

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From: Office of the President

To: SRU Stakeholder

Feb. 12, 2021

Dear Colleagues:

I hope everyone had a good week and the semester is continuing to move ahead smoothly. This week, I want to take this opportunity to share that the University is beginning to formally explore the launch of a College of Health Professions.

To achieve this goal, the University is currently conducting a search for a founding dean who will lead the creation of the college. Central to this role will be to work with faculty and staff to determine what academic programs should be included in the college as well as to prepare all necessary materials to seek approval for the college by the University's council of trustees. Ideally, the college will formally begin in 2022.

This new college is not a new concept. Indeed, given our program growth in this area, we have been discussing such a move for a while. This opportunity has the potential to foster engagement in interprofessional education that will be a tremendous asset for our University and our region.

SRU continues to be an innovator in establishing professional health care programs in western Pennsylvania to meet the needs of our growing and aging populations. The new College of Health Professions will enable students in these programs to work in greater harmony with each other and to prepare for careers that are very much in demand in our community, the commonwealth and the country.

While no new programs are being introduced for the college at this time, we will remain open to new opportunities that may emerge as the discussions around the new college evolve. We remain committed to developing academic programs in the health professions that supply health care providers and the public with competent and compassionate health care professionals. Today, with state-of-the-art facilities and a dedicated faculty, we are in a unique position to launch this comprehensive college that will not only meet a wide variety of educational needs but serve the people of our region in a most advantageous way.

Best,

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