

Goal 1.2.2 - University Committee on the Catholic Intellectual Tradition

Context:

The Seton Hall [Academic Vision](#) calls for the University to infuse its educational programs with the Catholic Intellectual Tradition and to “both practic[e] and promot[e] a Catholic understanding of social and economic justice.” To these ends, activity 1.2.2 of the Implementation of our Strategic Plan, [Harvest Our Treasures](#), calls for “The creation of a standing committee tasked with articulating and communicating (1) the Catholic identity and mission of the University; (2) an understanding of the Catholic Intellectual Tradition (CIT); (3) the relevance of this tradition to broader study at Seton Hall University; and (4) an ecumenical and interreligious vision of the University community.” The Provost hereby convenes the University Committee on the Catholic Intellectual Tradition to work with the Center for Catholic Studies.

Composition:

This committee will be populated by representatives from all the major segments of the University relevant to CIT.

Elected faculty representatives shall serve a maximum of 3 years and then step off the committee for a minimum of 3 years before being eligible to rejoin.

Chair:

Director of the Center for Catholic Studies: Dr. Gregory P. Floyd

VP for Mission and Ministry (or designee)

Standing Members:

Director of the Catholic Studies Program: Dr. Ines Murzaku

Director of the Core: Dr. Nancy Enright

Minister to the Priest Community or Designee

Appointee from PR&M

Director of DOVE

Term members:

One faculty member from each College, including ICSST and the Library

*As per 12.5.c, the Faculty Senate shall provide a slate of 2 nominees per

College, from which the Provost’s Office will select 1 each. The Senate might consider nominating the chair or a designee from the Faculty Senate Faculty

Development Committee. Please provide the nominees by September 30.

SGA representative

Charge:

The standing University Committee on the Catholic Intellectual Tradition will do the following.

1. Articulate a clear, expansive, and inclusive account of the Catholic Intellectual Tradition that is appropriate to Seton Hall and can guide its mission, identity, and current and future programming.
2. Investigate best practices at other Catholic Universities and imagine innovative ways of integrating and advancing the Catholic Intellectual Tradition.
3. Help coordinate and communicate all CIT programming on campus, so that lectures, workshops, conferences, and other CIT-related academic activities organized by this committee (including the activities below), the University Core, the Center for Catholic Studies, the Program in Catholic Studies, the Seminary, Campus Ministry, and other programs are scheduled without overlap, properly recorded in the University Calendar, marketed, and engaged with appropriate academic partners and other University divisions.
4. Facilitate ongoing, inclusive discussions about what the Catholic Intellectual Tradition means to different constituencies at Seton Hall and beyond, via lectures, reading/film/discussion groups, seminars, and/or other programming that respect its historical complexity, different contexts, and diverse perspectives.
5. Keep a record of CIT activities and assess the impact of all CIT initiatives with appropriate metrics, such as attendance/number of different participants.
6. Working in coordination with the Center for Faculty Development and in dialogue with the Senate Faculty Development Committee, generate materials to educate all new employees, and in particular our faculty, on the relevance of CIT to our Mission, Academic Vision, and the formation of all our students.
7. With the help of the University Libraries and/or TLTC, curate resources available to help interested faculty articulate and disseminate CIT through their coursework, as appropriate to their different subjects and disciplines.
8. Design and implement a few select media to articulate the Catholic Intellectual Tradition to all our stakeholders, including faculty, staff, graduate and undergraduate students, alumni, and other faith communities in our area. The committee might consider initiatives such as a student publication on CIT including select Core and CAST papers and other articles; and/or a series of short videos on CIT topics from a range of community members; and/or a brochure on the range of CIT scholarship, teaching, and service activities at SHU; among other ideas.

9. Create opportunities for more ecumenical and interreligious engagements on campus and the local community and archdiocese.

Propose a select set of the most promising 1-3 ideas to the Provost by April 1, 2022.

Contacts:

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