Catholic Intellectual Committee Report

December 17, 2021

In response to activity 1.2.2 of the Implementation of the University’s Strategic Plan, a new standing committee on the Catholic Intellectual Committee was formed this semester. The charge for the committee, which includes a list of committee members, is included here in an attachment. Dr. Gregory Floyd, Director of the Center for Catholic Studies, and Rev. Brian Muzas, Professor of Diplomacy, are co-chairing the committee. The committee has been tasked with presenting a short list of the most promising ideas for implementation based on the nine items listed in the charge by April 1, 2022.

The committee has met twice – first on November 22 and then on December 13. At the first meeting Dr. Jonathan Farina, Special Advisor to the Provost for Strategy Implementation, addressed the committee about the relevance of the committee’s work to the Strategic Plan. In addition the committee discussed which items in the committee’s charge should be prioritized. Most agreed that the top priority is articulating an understanding of the CIT that can guide Seton Hall’s mission, identity, and future programming.

At the December 13 meeting the committee formed three working groups corresponding to prioritized items from the charge, namely, crafting an account of the CIT, investigating best practices related to the CIT at peer institutions, and coordinating and communicating about CIT-related activities at the University. The working groups will meet during the winter break and then report back to the larger committee at the first meeting of the spring semester. At that time the committee will discuss the remaining items from the charge.

Respectfully submitted,

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