

Report on the Catholic Intellectual Tradition Committee

May 20, 2022

The CIT Committee met on May 5 to discuss three agenda items. First, the committee received a report from Dr. Gloria Thurman on her research on how our peer institutions engage the Catholic intellectual tradition through the fine arts. Second, the committee discussed the description of the Catholic intellectual tradition that had been drafted by one of the committee's working groups. The draft will return to the working group for further revisions and eventually be posted on a new multimedia page on the university website. Third, the committee discussed a list of recommendations to the Provost that was subsequently submitted on May 18. The top three recommendations were as follows:

1. A webpage on the University Home Page with a description of the Catholic Intellectual Tradition (CIT) which would include a media library of short (<3min) videos where various schools and/or disciplines discuss the meaning and relevance of CIT and a section with links to CIT-related initiatives in different university schools. The budget from the Office of the Provost to create that media content. [CIT Charge Items 1, 2]
2. A centralized CIT-related events calendar. A CIT "tag" (similar to "ACE" event tag) to link diverse events across the university and to communicate CIT programming more effectively. A dedicated staff person with responsibility for assisting with these initiatives, keeping a record, and assessing their efficacy. Proposal to CORE to include attendance at a CIT event as part of CORE I and II requirements. [CIT Charge Items 3, 4, 5, 8]
3. Stated goals, demonstrated progress, and defined timeline for resolving persistent staffing, structure, and compensation issues related CORE/HONS/CAST as discussed in the Strategic Plan as well as related issues in THEO and RELS.

Respectfully submitted,

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