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Historical Note

Dr. Dominic Aquila was appointed Vice President for Academic Affairs in 2007. He has 32 years of experience in public and private education. Among the institutions he has served are The Rochester Institute of Technology, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Empire State College of the State University of New York, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ave Maria College and the University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne Indiana.

Before his career in higher education, Dr. Aquila performed as a percussionist with the New York City Opera, the American Ballet Theatre, the American Symphony Orchestra, the New York and Rochester Philharmonic Orchestras and a number of Broadway shows. He also managed the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra and Garth Fagan's Dance Theatre. In June 2007 he received the Spes Nostra Award for service to Catholic Education from the National Thomas J. Hamilton Award for Leadership and together with his spouse, the Aaron and Hur Award from the United States Army Chaplaincy.

Biographical Note

Dr. Aquila's educational pursuits include: B.Mus degree in music from the Julliard School (1977), MBA degree from New York University (1980), and D.Litt et Phil degree from the University of South Africa (2001).

His areas of research and expertise include music and culture, Catholicism and American culture, and higher education administration. He can also speak on American and European History. Dr. Aquila is also a Trustee of the American

Academy of Liberal Education, the Crossroads Cultural Center, a member of the Council of Independent Colleges Chief Academic Officer and Chief Financial Office task Force, and the Children at Risk Institute.

Scope and Content Note

The collection covers the period from 2002 to 2013 and is a continuing collection. Subjects include:

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Acquisition Information

The files were obtained from the Office of Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Physical Condition

Most of the files are in good condition. Some of the papers have a small amount of rust on them from the fasteners that were used. Others are somewhat acidic which have turned the paper brown. No conservation work is planned.

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VPAA Correspondence

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1	1	Correspondence, 2008 – 2010
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Councils

2		University Planning Council (UPC), 2012
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3		Graduate Council, 2010
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Committees

4		Ad Hoc Faculty Handbook, 2009
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5		Art Council Advisory Committee (ACAC), 2007 – 2008
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6		Core Curriculum Review, 2010 – 2011
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7		Curriculum, 2009
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8		Marketing, 2007
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9		Mendenhall, 2007 – 2008
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10		Promotion and Tenure, 2012
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11		Retention, 2007 – 2008
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12		Undergraduate Research, 2012
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Reports

13		Doherty Library Annual Report, 2010 – 2011
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14		UST/ACS Report, 2008 – 2009
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Departments

2	1	Center for Faith and Culture, 2009 – 2013
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	2	Center for Irish Studies, Advisory Board Meeting, 12/5/08
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	3	Center for Irish Studies, Advisory Board Meeting, 5/8/09
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	4	Center for Irish Studies, Advisory Board Meeting, 12/10/10
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	5	Center for Irish Studies, Program Review, 2010
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	6	Center for Thomistic Studies, 2009 – 2011
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	7	Education, 2012
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	8	Junior Honors Class, Community Services Project, 2010
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	9	Learning and Writing Center, 2002 – 2010
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Departments

- 2 10 MLA Class: Life After Life, Dante and Newman, 2008
- 11 MLMLA 6393: Family in America, 2011
- 12 Pre-Law Program, 2012
- 13 School of Theology, 2006 – 2009

Faculty

- 3 1 Emeritus, 2009 – 2010
- 2 Faculty Excellence, 2008 – 2011
- 3 Phased Out Retirement, 2007 – 2010
- 4 Sabbatical Requests, 2008 – 2010
- 5 Sabbatical Requests, School of Arts and Sciences, 2012 – 2013
- 6 Sabbatical Requests, Correspondence, 2009 – 2010
- 7 Study Day, August 17, 2008
- 8 Teaching Evaluations by Class, (1 of 3), Spring 2009
- 9 Teaching Evaluations by Class, (2 of 3), Spring 2009
- 10 Teaching Evaluations by Class, (3 of 3), Spring 2009
- 11 Teaching Evaluations by Class, Summer 2009
- 12 Teaching Evaluations by Department, Spring 2009
- 13 Spring Evaluations by Department, Summer 2009
- 14 Teaching Evaluations in Digital Form and in Each Faculty File,
Fall 2008; Fall 2009

Students

- 4 1 Complaints, March 2, 2012
- 2 QEP/Odyssey Program, 2008 – 2009
- 3 Questionnaires, 2009 – 2011

Board of Directors

- 4 Membership, 2008 – 2009
- 5 Meeting and Minutes, January 29, 2009
- 6 Meeting and Minutes, June 18, 2009
- 7 Meeting and Minutes, October 29, 2009

Executive Committee of the Board of Directors

- 8 Meeting, Minutes and Retention Project, October 15, 2009

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Executive Committee of the Board of Directors

- 4 9 Meeting and Minutes, April 2, 2009
- 10 Meeting and Minutes, June 8, 2009

Agreements

- 5 1 Festa Italiana, 2012
- 2 HIST/UST, 2012
- 3 K-12 Teachers Alliance (KTA), 2009
- 4 Lone Star College System/UST, 2009 – 2012
- 5 St. Mary's Seminary/UST, 2011

Foundations

- 6 Herzstein Charitable Foundation, 2002 – 2009
- 7 Strake, Pope John Paul II Forum, 2008
- 8 Teague, 2008

Scholarships

- 9 Center for Thomistic Studies Scholarship/Fellowship Awards, 2012
- 10 Parish Scholarships, 2009 – 2011

Grants

- 11 CCRAA/ANASAZI Instruments, Inc., December 16, 2008
- 12 Council of Independent Colleges, Carnegie Corporation of New York, 2012

Grants

- 13 Cullen Trust for Higher Education, 2010
- 14 Fulbright Scholar Program – Grants for Faculty and Professionals, 2009 – 2010
- 15 Houston Education and Research Training (HEART), Institutional Research and Academic Career Development Awards (IRACDA), 2009 – 2012

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Miscellaneous

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| 6 | 1 | Correspondence, 2009 – 2012 |
| | 2 | Costa Papanicolacou, School of Math and Medical Science, 2009 – 2012 |
| | 3 | Dean Search, Arts and Sciences, 2007 – 2008 |
| | 4 | Ethical Leadership in Action Award, 2008 |
| | 5 | Houston Arts Resource Fair, 2012 |
| | 6 | Houston Museum of African American Culture, 2009 |
| | 7 | Houston Youth Symphony, 2012 – 2013 |
| | 8 | Linbeck, Leo, Jr., Degree of Doctor of Letters, n.d. |
| | 9 | Powell, Diane; Paper on Institutional Peer Report and Peer Library Comparison, 2011 |
| | 10 | American Council on Education, 2008 |
| | 11 | American Council of Trustees and Alumni (ACTA), 2012 |
| | 12 | Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), February 2, 2011 |
| | 13 | Southern Association of Colleges and Schools – Commission on Colleges (SACS – COC), Annual Meeting Workshop, 2008 |
| | 14 | Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), Fifth Year Interim Report, 2011 |