

## Academic Affairs Advisory Committee (AAAC) Minutes

September 23, 2020

8:00 am – 9:30 am

Zoom

**Attending:** Kanakadurga Singer (Chair), John Pasquale, Mark Rosentraub, Annalisa Manera, Rachel Goldman, Lola Eniola-Adefeso, Rebekah Modrak, William Schultz, Michael Hess, Priti Shah.

**Guest:** Associate Vice President for Institutional Equity, Tami Strickman, Provost Collins, Christine Gerdes

**Absent:** Chitra Subramanian, Sergio Villalobos

8:04 Meeting called to order. The minutes from the Sept. 8 meeting were approved.

8:05 Committee members introduced themselves with their name, discipline, area of expertise, and their experience with Faculty Governance.

Provost Collins gave a brief summary of her background before stepping into her role as Provost.

8:16 Provost Collins welcomed Tami Strickman, Associate Vice President for Institutional Equity. She gave an overview of the office. The committee raised concerns regarding the trust in OIE and what measures can be taken to build trust within the campus community.

Associate Vice President Strickman also did a quick overview of Title IX changes and how this has impacted their work.

The committee expressed concern regarding OIE oversight, the single investigator process, and the impression by faculty that OIE works with Human Resources and the Office of General Counsel. Tami stated that OIE is a neutral body and briefly described steps that are being taken to engage faculty, staff and students.

8:52 Tami Strickman left the meeting.

8:53 Provost Collins talked about key priority areas and how the committee and her office can be the most helpful to each other. She expressed that that she welcomes thoughts about how she can do outreach and build up the trust between the Provost office and OIE and the campus community.

9:03 Provost Collins left the meeting.

9:04 The committee discussed the information shared by Associate Vice President Strickman and what they would like to focus on moving forward.

Some of the topics discussed:

- Focus on OIE or WilmerHale Report
- COAA collaboration with AAAC regarding OIE

- Start Google doc for both AAAC and COAA
- How is feedback received and taken by the administration? What happens with the feedback?
- How to develop a path forward with a split faculty?
- Role of Regents, President, Provost's office and Faculty Governance in University decisions.
- How to provide faculty input and build trust.

9:25 Matters Arising (Topics for next meeting)

9:37 Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted by

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