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TO: Faculty, Staff and Academic Administrators  
FROM: Jessica L. Holt  
Manager of Faculty Affairs  
RE: January 17, 2017 Faculty Meeting Minutes

### **Approval of the Agenda**

Professor Pierce called the meeting to order on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 12:33 p.m. in the Kanbar Performance Space. The agenda was approved.

Each meeting is recorded and posted on the Provost's website [<https://www.philau.edu/provost/meetings/>] for any faculty not able to attend.

### **Approval of the Minutes of the December 13, 2016 Full Faculty Meeting**

Professor Pierce presented the minutes, which were acknowledged and submitted.

### **Faculty Voices**

None at this time.

### **Report of the Provost/ Dean of the Faculty**

**M. Baker**

Provost Baker began with an update on Integration activities. He remarked that there are four (4) categories which comprise the activities: regulatory/legal/accreditation, branding/communication, integration committee and strategic planning.

He provided an update on the status of the complex substantive change with Middle States, noting that the professional staff has sent their suggestions for review and comment, namely around policies and procedures. Provost Baker remarked that decisions are viewed based upon their anticipated completion date: Decisions made before July 1, 2017, decisions made within the 1<sup>st</sup> year, and those that will take the full three (3) years to complete. In response to a question, Provost Baker commented that he hopes the IP Policy would be addressed in the first year. Currently, TJU has a more sophisticated/inclusive IP Policy. Their policy operates at an enterprise level under the "clinical pillar" and is related to medical discovery and bringing these items to market.

PhilaU advised Middle States that the University would continue to communicate with all constituencies through various mediums. This semester there will be forums with students, faculty/staff, and faculty. In regards to students, the forums will look at both campuses to see where existing policies can be utilized. Middle States will be focused on the general policies surrounding issues such as Title IX and grievances.

For the faculty forums, in regards to tenure/promotion, it is expected that for the 2017-2018 academic year, the procedure to remain as it is now, however an additional approval by a Board, more in line with TJU, will be added.

In regards to communicating the current policies and actions under review, Provost Baker commented that the University will use email, community forums, college meetings, questions posted to the website, and those posed at the Faculty Meeting.

A company has been employed to conduct focus groups, surveys and one-on-one meetings regarding the potential new name of the joined university. Preliminary data has been received and the company is preparing suggestions before presenting them to administration and Public Relations for review.

### **Reports of the Standing Committees**

None at this time.

### **Special Reports**

None at this time.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### ***Debating Ideas to Help the Parking Situation***

**J. Pierce**

John Pierce directed attendees to the presentation materials provided prior to the meeting regarding parking on campus. A parking consultant will be utilized starting in February 2017 to assess the current situation and needs for parking on campus. He reviewed the various suggestions and encouraged any additional suggestions to be sent to his attention.

Andrew Hart directed attendees to the presentation materials provided regarding SEPTA, and discussed the value in utilizing this option.

Additional discussion occurred regarding the multi-tier pricing and parking based upon seniority proposals. In addition, expanding the Ram Van stops to public transportation was also explored.

### **New Business**

None at this time

### **Report of the President**

**Dr. S. Spinelli**

Dr. Spinelli expressed his congratulations to the Kanbar College of Design, Engineering, and Commerce and student Vivian Cooper, fashion design senior, on her award of the first-ever top award of \$35,000 from a national pool of 600 student designers at the YMA Geoffrey Beene National Scholarship. Ms. Cooper was the first ever recipient of the grand-prize in this amount and was the unanimous choice by the judges. It should also be noted that seven other PhilaU subunits won YMA Fashion Scholarships of \$5,000 in this competition.

In regards to the Presidential Inauguration occurring on Friday, January 20, 2017, Dr. Spinelli expects administration to be on-campus and will be meeting with student leaders in the morning.

Dr. Spinelli reported that Jeff Cromarty was successful in receiving institutional zoning for the University after a nearly 6.5 year process. This is a huge accomplishment and provides the University with 420,000 sq.ft. of buildable space.

The new Health Science Building will be 4 stories tall and construction should begin within the year.

In regards to Integration, the various integration committees will start to be shaped and folded into the strategic planning process. Community Forums will be held in the near future to unveil the plan.

## Announcements

Jeff Ashley distributed a brochure outlining the spring 2017 CTiNL offerings.

Susan Frosten discussed the reading groups for the semester:

- **Reading Group I:** "Creating Significant Learning Experiences: An Integrated Approach to Designing College Courses". Participants implement teaching and learning strategies in their current courses and report back to the group regarding observations and outcomes. Tuesdays, starting Jan 24, 2017, from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm (KCC306). (Contact [Anne Bower](#) to RSVP.)
- **Reading Group II:** *Promoting Racial Literacy in Schools: Differences that Make a Difference*, by Howard Stevenson. Explore issues of diversity, social justice and inclusivity within your classroom and the campus in general. Selected readings and viewings, and weekly discussions will allow participants to reflect, learn, and implement strategies to enhance a safe and respectful learning environment while fostering honest and mindful discussion between your students and you. Mondays, starting Jan 30, 2017, from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm (KCC306). (Contact [Susan Frosten](#) to RSVP.)
- **Reading Group III:** *Raising Race Questions: Whiteness & Inquiry in Education* by Ali Michael. Highly recommended by last semester's reading group, this is an encore opportunity for a highly beneficial learning community related to issues of diversity and inclusion in the classroom. Support readings, resources and activities will also be provided. Day/Time, TBD based on participants' schedules. (Contact [Susan Frosten](#) to RSVP.)

Barbara Klinkhammer congratulated Professor Kim Douglas on being awarded the Anton Germishuizen Stantec Term Chair of Landscape Architecture. She also noted that CAFE will be offering a lecture series this semester comprised of eight (8) speakers. The lectures will be held on Mondays at 6:00 pm in Tuttleman.

Madeleine Wilcox reviewed the deadlines for study abroad.

Adjourned at 1:42 p.m.