

Provost's Advisory Council
September 10, 2020 Meeting
8:30-10:00 a.m.- Zoom

In attendance:

Sharon Beckman (Chair)
Anthony Annunziato
Michelle Elias Bloomer
Thomas Chiles
Thomas Crea
Joseph Du Pont
Kristin Flower
Yonder Gillihan
Stacy Grooters
Christian Guma

Dewin Hernandez
Régine JearCharles
Gregory Kalscheur, S.J.
William Keane
Thomas Kohler
Adam Krueckeberg
Jonathan Laurence
Lian Fen Lee
Karen Lyons
John Mahoney

Gilda Morelli
Karen Muncaster
David Quigley
Tracy Regan
Ronnie Sadka
Akua Sarr
David Scanlon
Billy Soo
Thomas Stegma
S.J.
Thomas Wall

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1. The summary of the April 16, 2020 meeting was approved. It will be sent to the President's Office. All summaries are posted on the Provost's Office website; members are encouraged to share them with colleagues.
 2. Classroom Recording Guidance, Faculty Mid-Semester Feedback and Course Evaluation Results from Spring 2020: Billy Soo, Vice Provost for Faculties

Billy Soo began by providing an overview of the classroom recording guidance. The recommendation this fall was that faculty should record their classes to allow for the possibility that students may need

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The goal is to create opportunities for conversations that facilitate healing within the BC community and with the greater Boston community and ensure that the community is living the values that it wishes to encourage nationally. The Forum will be a catalyst for transformation in BC, and in turn BC can be a catalyst for cultural and social transformation across the country.

A council member noted that other schools are taking an approach of fully funded action and suggested such an approach at BC could make the work of the Forum robust.

Vince responded that funding is critical to creative work. The Board of Trustees and alumni are supportive and interested in the Forum, which may provide some potential funding opportunities.

A council member asked if the Forum will have a virtual presence so community members can get involved.

Vince noted that the website will be launching soon and will be a resource for events, activities, books, media, etc.

4. Provost's Report: David Quigley, Provost and Dean of Faculties

Billy discussed a mid-semester feedback form that will be available this fall. Use of the feedback form is optional. There will be two standard questions, and faculty will have the option to add three questions which they can create themselves or choose from a question bank. The forms will be launched to students during the first week of October. Results will be available to faculty the following week. The results will be accessible to the faculty member and responses will be anonymous.

David expressed appreciation for the extraordinary work that has been done across campus over the past six months to prepare for the fall. Approximately 80% of the University's classes are meeting in person in some manner this fall, and the semester is off to a good start. There are ongoing conversations about the emerging plans for the spring semester. The virus will dictate much of how things play out, but the hope is for something resembling a full semester with some continued expansion in-person experiences. The spring academic calendar remains unchanged at this point, but some flexibility may be required to ensure the health of the community.

He continued with some updates:

- x The Dean of the Connell School of Nursing will be stepping down at the end of the current year and returning to the faculty. There will be a national search for her replacement.
- x Additional information and guidance will be available soon regarding faculty contract reviews happening this year.

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