

February 28, 2020

Dear Faculty Board:

Below is the agenda for our upcoming meeting on February 28 at 2 p.m. in OSF Library 302. Light refreshments will be provided. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Agenda:

- Announcements
  - Keanu Daley - Tommie of the Year (5 nominees overall)
  - Prestigious Scholarships Event Held
  - IH Proposal - Still Waiting UCC Discussion
- Action Plan to Combat Racism and Bias
  - DAB Event - Several students and I attended the talk by Valarie Castille
  - Symposium Topics - Privilege and Institutional Bias will be covered in the events. I will send meeting reminders in March if you wish to attend.
- Board Rotation:
  - Jan, Frank, and Teresa on third-year. If you haven't yet, please let me know your interest in continuing and the contact for your department?
- Winter Conversations
  - 2020-2021 Schedule
    - Classes are scheduled for next academic year.
    - Only concern is the transition to new curriculum is shorting third- and fourth- year students some opportunities. I am pursuing that with chairs.
  - Budget-
    - We were asked to trim mid-fiscal year and were able to find efficiencies for now.
    - Next year will be tight, but we may see some revenue from the new fiscal model.
  - Program Review
    - We are conducting the first program review since 2007.
    - I will supply a draft in March for review and input.
    - The Honors Director from Marquette as agreed to be our external reviewer.



- External review will likely be in summer.
- LLC
  - First-year LLC in Tommie North next fall
  - Second-year (upperclassmen) LLC is being piloted by Aquinas Scholars in Tommie East.
- Applications/Essays
  - Benchmarks
    - We are behind in applications from the last two years.
    - We don't know the reasons or if it is a concern just yet.
  - Review
    - Please review applications in a timely manner.
    - All applications must be reviewed by April 1 to allow for the next recruitment push.
- Upcoming Events
  - Symposium -
    - Please Join Us.
    - Dates will be sent in March for late April event.
  - Seminar Showcase
    - March 17<sup>th</sup>, Seminar faculty will be available to discuss upcoming seminars.
- Call for Proposals
  - April 1 to May 1
  - Meeting on Study Monday to Review
  - Assuming it passes, we will retroactively review seminars for IH and then do a second wave of review on approved new proposals.
- Student Announcements
  - Board Elections in Two Months
  - Have attended scholarship and admissions days and received a lot of interest.