

TO: Faculty Senate

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Interim Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

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RE: Academic Affairs Report for October 21, 2016

1. Updates from the Interim Provost:

Board of Trustees. The BOT met on Friday, September 30th. The Board approved the development of the South Side Athletic Complex up to \$15M with a timeline for completion by November 2017. Funding is based primarily on directed gifts and there will be no financing for this project.

The BOT also expressed interest in the discussions on “cost of education”, assistance for students with special needs, on-line programs, and other topics.

AJCU Chief Academic Officer Meeting. Major topics at this meeting included: financial state of AJCU schools; potential for collaboration, especially for institutions in severe financial crisis; campus climate issues; accessibility for first generation college students; potential impacts of the policies from the new federal administration on higher education, including financing and oversight.

HERI Survey. After conversations with the Executive Committees of the Faculty Senate and the Faculty Affairs Council, the Interim Provost authorized the Office of Institutional Research to move forward with the project in fall 2016. The Survey provides important information to inform the University community on faculty life. This is especially important as the University moves into its MSCHE self-study project.

Examen. The AJCU is moving forward with the Examen project – a reflective, institutional assessment of Catholic and Jesuit identity. The project is directed by the Secretary General and is required of all 28 AJCU institutions. The five that have completed the work report that it was a positive experience. More detail will be forthcoming.

Recruiting for an Associate Provost. Dean Kratz has agreed to chair the search committee for the Associate Provost position. JHD requests that the Faculty Senate provide the faculty representatives according to the process described in the Faculty Handbook, Appendix IV- D.

International Recruiting Project. Following the resignation of the University’s full-time international student recruiter, we have entered a six month agreement with Global Student Recruitment Advisors, LLC to perform two functions: review and recommend

4. Curriculum:

After consulting with Dr. Marx the following dates were sent to faculty regarding the deadlines for submitting curriculum proposals. The dates allow the reviewing bodies' sufficient time to review and approve curriculum proposals for the inclusion in the 2017-2018 catalogs. I ask that faculty keep in mind that when submitting proposals they need to give their deans' office time to review the proposal and to send it to be posted.

All proposals **must be posted to the Faculty Senate Curriculum Board** by the dates listed below:

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