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# THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

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WASHINGTON, DC

November 6, 2020

MEMORANDUM TO: Members of the Faculty Assembly

The University Faculty Assembly will meet on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. via WebEx Events.

1. Call to order
2. Welcome to New Faculty Members
  - Columbian College of Arts & Sciences
  - School of Medicine and Health Sciences
  - GW Law
  - School of Engineering and Applied Science
  - Elliott School of International Affairs
  - Graduate School of Education and Human Development
  - School of Business
  - Milken Institute School of Public Health
  - College of Professional Studies
  - School of Nursing
3. Remarks: Grace Speights, Chair, Board of Trustees
4. Remarks: Thomas LeBlanc, University President
5. Remarks: Brian Blake, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
6. Remarks on Senate Activities on Behalf of the Faculty since October 2019: Arthur J. Wilson, Chair, Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate
7. Petition from Members of the Assembly (attached):
  - a) “The Assembly directs the Faculty Senate to conduct a survey of the faculty, with both quantitative and qualitative responses possible, regarding its views of the leadership and communication abilities of the President. The survey shall be launched no later than December 15, 2020, and the complete results shall be reported to the Assembly no later than January 31, 2021, along with comments and recommendations from the Senate. These might include an indication of “no confidence,” “censure,” “approval,” “praise,” or “trust” in the President and his administration.
  - b) The Assembly requests that the Chair of the Executive Committee of the Senate call a special Faculty Assembly at which they report the results of the survey, including the Senate’s recommendations.
8. Adjournment

Elizabeth A. Amundson  
Secretary

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The [Faculty Organization Plan](#) specifies that the agenda of the Faculty Assembly “shall include any matter requested by the Senate or the Executive Committee of the Senate, or by petition of fifteen or more members of the Assembly.” (Art. II, sec. 3, part a).

The Faculty Organization Plan further specifies that “The Assembly shall have the power to direct the Senate to include in the agenda of the Senate or any of its committees, or to study and report back to the Assembly, or to take such other action as may be appropriate with respect to any matter of concern to the Assembly.” (Art. II, sec. 4)

Accordingly, we the undersigned members of the Faculty Assembly request the following two (2) items be placed on the agenda of the regular 2020 meeting of the Faculty Assembly, scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, at 4pm.

1. The Assembly directs the Faculty Senate to conduct a survey of the faculty, with both quantitative and qualitative responses possible, regarding its views of the leadership and communication abilities of the President. The survey shall be launched no later than December 15, 2020 and the complete results shall be reported to the Assembly no later than January 31, 2021, along with comments and recommendations from the Senate. These might include an indication of “no confidence,” “censure,” “approval,” “praise,” or “trust” in the President and his administration.
2. The Assembly requests that the Chair of the Executive Committee of the Senate call a special Faculty Assembly at which they report the results of the survey, including the Senate’s recommendations.

Signatories (name and title)

1. Andrew Zimmerman, Professor of History
2. Daniel Moshenberg, Associate Professor of Women's, Gender, Sexuality Studies
3. Kathryn Kleppinger, Associate Professor of French and Francophone Studies and International Affairs
4. Masha Belenky, Professor of French
5. Lynn Westwater, Professor of Italian
6. Julia Storberg-Walker, Associate Professor, Human and Organizational Learning
7. Gregory D. Squires, Professor of Sociology and Public Policy and Public Administration
8. Ivy Ken, Associate Professor of Sociology
9. Christopher Britt, Professor of Spanish and Latin American Literature
10. Erin D. Chapman, Associate Professor of History
11. Fran Buntman, Assistant Professor of Sociology
12. Harald Griesshammer, Associate Professor of Physics
13. Dara Orenstein, Associate Professor of American Studies
14. Guillermo Orti, Professor of Biology
15. Shira Robinson, Associate Professor of History and International Affairs
16. Tom Guglielmo, Associate Professor of American Studies
17. Arshad I. Ali, Associate Professor of Educational Research