

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of University Council

From: Amy Gutmann, President

Date: April 22, 2015

Subject: Report to the University Council

With the return of spring and our beautiful campus in bloom, I am pleased to report that Penn is once again #1 nationwide in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's College and University Green Power Challenge. Penn purchased more than 200 million kWh of wind power this year, more than any other competing school in the country. With Penn's Climate Action Plan 2.0 in full effect, we can celebrate our latest EPA ranking as yet one more encouraging sign of our progress. From our transformative Penn Park and Shoemaker Green, to the LEED Gold certification of our newest buildings, to the Eco-Reps program, I am proud of the Penn community's leadership in urban sustainability.

Provost Price and I were excited to announce that Donita Brady will be Penn's seventh Presidential Professor, effective July 1. Rarely does a young scientist come along who is as impressive, as accomplished, and as innovative as Donita. Her discoveries have already opened new doors in cancer research, and we are proud to welcome her to our Department of Cancer Biology. On the 250th Anniversary of the Perelman School of Medicine, it is auspicious timing indeed that this pioneering Presidential Professor joins one of the world's most revolutionary medical schools.

I also join the Provost in congratulating Penn's latest Guggenheim Fellows:

- Kathleen Brown, Professor of History
- Sally Barringer Gordon, Arlin M. Adams Professor of Constitutional Law and Professor of History

The Guggenheim Fellowship is among the most prestigious for exceptional scholarship and creativity in the humanities, social sciences, and arts. Congratulations to this year's Penn faculty recipients!

I also congratulate Penn junior Adam Cohen on being named a 2015 Truman Scholar. Adam has contributed greatly to improving educational opportunity at local public schools. He exemplifies Penn's credo of engagement, putting knowledge into practice for the greater good and working extensively with the Netter Center and the Academically Based Community Service Courses program to strengthen post-secondary success initiatives in West Philadelphia.

Warm congratulations as well to Penn's 2015 Fulbright Scholars. I do not have the space here to recognize them all individually, but we are so very proud of what they have achieved. Well done!

On the heels of that good news, we welcomed nearly 1,000 prospective members of the Class of 2019 to campus last week for our second annual Quaker Days. Dean Furda and his team provided prospective students an unparalleled opportunity to get a taste of campus life. We enjoyed an excellent turnout, and our students, staff, and faculty volunteers did a superb job making Penn's future freshmen and their parents feel right at home. I especially wish to thank the Penn students who hosted 800 of our guests for overnight stays. Thank you!

Finally, as we celebrate the inaugural President's Engagement Prize winners, I encourage juniors to begin thinking now about next year's competition. With a generous living stipend and up to \$100,000 in funding for socially uplifting projects, the Prizes offer an unparalleled opportunity to bring your outstanding ideas to life. Summer break is a great time to begin building a plan. Details on fall information sessions will be available from CURF later this year.

As the academic year nears a close and Commencement approaches, I want to thank you all for your exemplary Council service. I hope your final weeks of the semester are productive, and you have my best wishes for a fun and relaxing summer.

PROVOST'S STATUS REPORT

University Council

April 2015

As we approach the wonderful Commencement season, it is a great pleasure to honor not only our outstanding Penn students but also the eminent faculty members who make Penn such a dynamic environment in which to work and to learn. President Gutmann and I are delighted to welcome Donita Brady as our seventh Presidential Professor. Her groundbreaking research in cancer biology holds extraordinary promise for developing new and effective cancer treatments in the years ahead. We also congratulate the distinguished faculty members who recently received two of the most prestigious academic honors: Guggenheim Fellows Kathleen Brown (SAS) and Sarah Barringer Gordon (Law/SAS) and Sloan Fellows Zahra Fakhraai (SAS), Jennifer Phillips-Cremins (SEAS), and Aaron Roth (SEAS).

This is also the time of year at which we honor the winners of our university-wide teaching awards, who represent the inspiring work that goes on every day in Penn's classrooms. This year, the Lindback Awards for Distinguished Teaching are awarded to Profs. Brian Bushee (Wharton), Robert Ghrist (SEAS/SAS), Masao Sako (SAS), and Amy Wax (Law) in the Non-Health Schools, and Profs. Cynthia Connolly (SON), Olena Jacenko (SVM), James Lewis (PSOM), and Paul Offit (PSOM) in the Health Schools. Profs. Robert DeRubeis (SAS) and Marybeth Gasman (GSE) will receive the Provost's Awards for Distinguished PhD Teaching and Mentoring, and Profs. Melissa Hunt (SAS) and Beth Hogan Quigley (SON) will receive this year's Provost's Awards for Teaching Excellence by Non-Standing Faculty. Please join us in honoring these outstanding teachers on Monday, April 27, at 5 PM in the Hall of Flags.

I urge all students who have not already done so to complete the campus climate survey about sexual misconduct that will remain open until April 23. This confidential and anonymous survey, sponsored by the Association of American Universities, will help us learn more about the campus climate and best practices of a wide range of universities and shape our future policies in this highly significant area. Finally, I thank all of you who attended the Town Hall that launched the Campaign for Community on April 14. This event, featuring six of our distinguished deans, embodied the spirit of substantive and thought-provoking dialogue that we hope to bring to all the events of the Campaign in the years ahead. This fall, the Campaign Steering Committee will have more information about future events and about the process of applying for grants for students, staff, and faculty members who want to organize events of their own.

I look forward to seeing all of you at Commencement and the many other joyous events of the weeks ahead.

Vincent Price
Provost



Undergraduate Assembly

UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA

Constituency Update

1. Penn Transit Advisory Board Constitution Resolution

The Undergraduate Assembly:

1. Supports the establishment of the Penn Transit Advisory Board (PTAB) as outlined in Appendix I;
2. Commits to the allocation of members to Penn Transit Advisory Board in coordination with the NEC as outlined in the board's constitution;
3. Strongly urges the herein established Penn Transit Advisory Board to take all measures within its scope and power to accomplish its mission; and
4. Urges Penn Business Services and Penn Transit Services to engage actively with the Penn Transit Advisory Board and to recognize it as a vital source of diverse student input.

2. UA Spring Fling Myths and Facts Sheet

The UA's Commission on Alcohol Safety and Communication has worked with the Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, Alcohol and Other Drugs, and the Department of Public Safety to compile this document to reduce the amount of confusion that arose during last year's Spring Fling. The document can be found [here](#). For a direct download, please click [here](#). Thanks to Andrew J. Robertson and Daniel Kahana for spearheading the committee.

3. New UA Exec Board

Congratulations to the new members of UA exec. It has been a privilege and honor to serve on University Council this year. Please join me in welcoming and congratulating the new executive board of the UA:

- Jane Meyer- President (president@pennua.org)
- Ray Clark- Vice-President (vp@pennua.org)
- Michael Karam- Speaker (speaker@pennua.org)
- Kat McKay- Treasurer (treasurer@pennua.org)
- Eric Tepper- Secretary (secretary@pennua.org)

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joyce Kim'.

Joyce Kim
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joshua L. Chilcote'.

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