

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of University Council
From: Amy Gutmann, President
Date: March 22, 2017
Subject: Report to the University Council

We were pleased to announce that Risa Lavizzo-Mourey will be our 19th Penn Integrates Knowledge University Professor, effective January 1, 2018. She has served as president and chief executive officer of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation since 2003 and, for 15 years before that, as a distinguished professor and administrator at Penn. Whether leading one of the nation's largest health-care philanthropies, advising the White House on health policy, or publishing prolifically in some of the world's most influential medical journals, Risa is an eminent interdisciplinary change-maker. Her exemplary contributions to geriatrics and other health fields are matched by her devotion to promoting lasting social change and improving the health of all people. We are delighted to welcome home this truly exceptional scholar, clinician, leader and Penn alumna.

A few weeks ago, we culminated a year of alumni outreach events and celebrations with a final *Our Penn* event in Hong Kong. At each of these events, held across the United States, in London, and in Hong Kong, I had the privilege of presenting three different Penn undergraduates to an audience of University alumni and friends. We tagged these events with "Let the conversation begin," and they were just that: a unique opportunity for me to conduct an unscripted chat with an amazing group of Penn students about their everyday experience on campus and their plans, dreams, and passions. I know of nothing that offers more hope for the future than the opportunity to sit and talk with our students, and in 10 cities across the country and around the globe, our alumni and friends enthusiastically agreed.

The 2017 David and Lyn Silfen University Forum, "A Formidable Foe: Cancer in the 21st Century," met with equally enormous success before a packed house. I hope you either had the opportunity to attend or to watch online. Our esteemed panelists and I had a fantastic discussion about the challenges and promises of cancer treatment and prevention. Audience members heard from leading experts in cancer policy and the current state of cancer care, including Penn's own Carl June, who heads the Center for Cellular Immunotherapy at Penn's Abramson Cancer Center. This was also the inaugural appearance of Vice President Joe Biden in his new role leading the Penn Biden Center for Diplomacy and Global Engagement in D.C. He was received with great enthusiasm by the audience and returned the compliment by staying for some time after the conclusion of the program, talking informally with audience members and posing for innumerable photos with our students.

Students will get another excellent opportunity to see VP Biden next week, March 30th, from 3:30 to 5 PM in Irvine Auditorium. He and I will sit down for an engaging conversation before opening it up for questions from the audience. Make sure you register for this exciting event, and I hope you can make it.

Finally, I want to congratulate the Penn women's basketball team not only on winning the regular Ivy League season championship, but also winning the first-ever Ivy League Tournament! This distinction earned Penn a bid to participate in the NCAA Tournament, the third time the Penn women's team has done so in four years. Well done, Quakers!

I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable Spring Break. Welcome back!



Undergraduate Assembly

UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA

Status Report – Undergraduate Assembly

March 22, 2017

I. 2017-2018 Undergraduate Budget Allocation

On February 26, 2017, the Undergraduate Assembly voted in the annual budget proposal for 2017-2018. The total allocation for the next academic year is \$2,454,284, which is a 3.6% increase from the annual budget of 2016-2017. Notable aspects of the budget are the increases that the Student Activities Council (SAC), the Class Boards, and the Undergraduate Assembly (UA) received. SAC funds over 200 student groups on campus and this increase in funding will go a long way to let them recognize and fund more groups and to better provide for the current SAC groups. The Class Boards of 2018 and 2017's increases will go towards making Penn traditions such as Hey Day and Feb Club much more affordable for the entire student body population. UA's increase in funding stems primarily from costs of hosting the conference next year for the Philadelphia Big 5 – Penn, La Salle University, Saint Joseph's University, Temple University and Villanova University. This conference allows members of the various student governments to exchange and discuss ideas for improvement and each school takes turns hosting it. In general, the goal of this year's budget was to increase funding and accessibility for student activities on campus.

II. 2017 General Election for Undergraduate Assembly and Class Board

The voting period for elected positions for Undergraduate Penn Student Government branches – the Undergraduate Assembly and Class Board – will be from March 27th at 12 am until March 29th at 5pm. Results will be released on March 29th at 9pm. New representatives will serve for the next school year.

III. Spring Break Airport Shuttles

This Spring Break, the Undergraduate Assembly organized Airport Shuttles to the Philadelphia Airport for students. The UA sold a total of 412 tickets. This service has been offered during past Thanksgiving, Winter, and Spring breaks and the UA has seen a substantial appreciation and increase for the service this year.

Respectfully Submitted,
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*The theme year for the PPSA is **Inspiration@Work***

- The February Meeting - *Embracing the Trans Community at Work* with Erin Cross and Rebecca Schept, took place on February 15, 2017. The seminar focused on the LGBT community here at Penn. They presented to a group of 80 staff members and opened up for questions. Staff learned about community good practices within the Trans Community at Penn.
- PPSA is now accepting recommendations for the Executive Board and University Committees for the 2017-2018 term year. A call for nominations will begin on March 1, 2017.
- PPSA continued this year's *Chats with Jack*. Jack Heuer, Vice President of Human Resources, hosted the small group discussion with four staff members to foster open dialogue around issues of staff concern. The next session will be held on March 21, 2017.
- The March Meeting - *Your Next Interview at Penn* is scheduled for March 21, 2017. Staff will get tips on how to prepare for their next career opportunity at Penn. Staff will learn about the newest tips and trends in interviewing and then have a chance to practice their skills led by HR Learning and Education Coaches and staff. Expected attendance 35+.
- The April Meeting – *Embracing the Culture of Health* is scheduled for April 3, 2017. The seminar will introduce staff to a healthier lifestyle. Expected attendance 70+. Details to follow.
- The May Election Meeting featuring Dean John L. Jackson is scheduled for May 25, 2017. We anticipate over 100+ staff to attend. The meeting will take place in the Bodek Lounge in Houston Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair, PPSA

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