

**Provost's Advisory Council**  
**October 4, 2018 Meeting**  
**8:30-**

	William Keane	David Quigley
	Jonathan Laurence	John Rakestraw
	Margaret Lombe	Catherine Read
	Allison Marshall	Akua Sarr
	Theresa O'Keefe	Billy Soo
Melissa Dilillo	Omolayo Ojurongbe	Thomas Stegman, S.J.
Joseph Du Pont	Mariela Paez	Sasha Tomic
Can Erbil	Claudia Pouravelis	Thomas Wall
Gregory Kalscheur, S.J.		

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- 1. The summary of the April 26, 2018 meeting was approved.** It will be sent to the President's Office. All summaries are posted on the Provost's Office website; members are encouraged to share them with colleagues.
  - 2. Curriculum committee for University-wide academic programs: David Quigley**

David Quigley began a conversation on the emerging need for governance of academic programs that span multiple schools and colleges across the University. There are a number of potential programs that in the coming years will need oversight including new majors, minors, certificate programs, graduate programs, etc. To date, programs may have occasionally partnered with another unit, but have been overseen by an individual school. More pressingly, there is a need to establish a committee to review two proposals; a certificate program at the graduate level in palliative care, and a Global Health program minor, both spanning several schools.

He explained that this committee is not meant to replace the local Education Policy Committees (EPCs), nor is it meant as a university-wide curriculum committee for all courses. There will be clear limits on what the committee will review, and it will be governed by, and work in concert with, the University statutes. Individual EPCs will still review school specific proposals but we now have programs that require more oversight than what the existing structure provides.

Billy Soo added some background. In thinking about the committee, he did benchmarking and

would ideally also be members of an EPC but there are still questions related to the number of members and how to balance disciplines and backgrounds.

A council member asked if there would be any retroactive review of existing programs.

David answered that it is unlikely an existing program would be reviewed, but could imagine a scenario where an existing program may want to propose a new credential or certificate, and that might be something that the committee reviewed.

A council member asked what the evaluation process would look like for newly approved programs.

David responded that there might be a provisional launch of a new program, with two or three year pilot, a cap on the number of students, and a robust review at the end of the pilot period.

### **3. Revised faculty/staff-student consensual relationship policy: Nora Field, Deputy General Counsel**

David introduced Nora Field, Deputy University Counsel, to talk about the draft of the new policy on consensual relationships.

Nora began with some background on the process. In the spring, Billy Soo approached her to take a look at the existing policy. She expressed concerns that the policy was not up to best practices and suggested that it be re-written entirely. Discussions took place across campus, and peer school policies were reviewed.

She continued, explaining that the new policy has three significant changes:

It applies across the board, not just in the academic realm between faculty and students, but to all employee categories. It will be a University-wide policy. As such, it will go through a University vetting process and final approval will come from the University President



student-athletes. Student-athletes would be assigned to a block during the first four hours of

## **6. Provost's Report: David Quigley**

David talked about the newly renamed Student-Athlete Academic Services office, SAAS (previously Learning Resources for Student Athletes). Akua Sarr led the search for a new director last spring and Michael Harris was hired. SAAS is an important part of the larger range of academic support offered for students under the Office of the Provost.