

VPAA Council Meeting

Agenda

October 10, 2019

- 1) **Maker Space Introduction:** Cathy Doyle and Sid Pruitt
- 2) **Policy for Pregnancy Accommodations/Title IX:** Andy Morris and Lisa Durant-Jones
- 3) **Co-curricular programming and AI:** Andrea Talentino
- 4) **Announcements:** Andrea Talentino

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Minutes

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Maker Space Specialist: Cathy Doyle introduced Sid Pruitt, the new Maker Space Specialist. Sid provided a brief overview of his background as well as preliminary plans for the new Maker Space. An Open House is planned during the week of Oct 27, 2019. More to come!

Pregnancy Adjustment and Accommodations for Students Policy : The Policy and Procedures Committee has been asked to develop a campus policy that will help both faculty and students with establishing reasonable accommodations. Title IX has specific guidelines for Pregnancy Adjustment & Accommodations (www.atixa.org). There was agreement that a policy is needed; Council members offered suggestions for consideration as a draft is being developed.

Co-curriculum and AI: Yousuf George will assume the leadership role with advancing the AI program; he will chair the AI Curriculum Task Force. Andrea asked that council members begin to think broadly about ways that AI could appear in co-curricular activities (e.g. internships, civic engagement activities). Both Andrea and Yousuf recently attended the first Public Interest Technology University Network Conference, where this topic was discussed.

Announcements: Andrea:

- Updated Council on status of collective bargaining discussions.
- Reviewed the working draft of the Policy on Merging, Reorganization, or Elimination of Academic Departments.
- Will ask Rank and Tenure to review current policy on Emeriti Appointment in Faculty Manual.
- Provided an update on 2020 budget shortfall