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