

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON WOMEN FACULTY AND STUDENTS

October 5, 2017

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

500 Main Building

University of Notre Dame

Voting Members present: Aimee Buccellato; Laura Carlson; Kelsey DiPietro; Mary Celeste Kearney; Elisabeth Koll; Mark McKenna; Monica Moore; Veronica Root; Sibonay Shewit; James X. Sullivan

Observers present: Tyvette Hilliard; Sharon Keane; Maura Ryan; Demetra Schoenig; Pamela Nolan Young

Voting Members excused or absent: Elly Brenner; Ruilan Guo; Marjorie Housley; Kathie Newman; Ann Tenbrunsel; Molly Walsh

Welcome and Introductions: The meeting was called to order at 10 am. Those present introduced themselves. After a brief discussion of the committee's role at the University, nominations for a voting member to chair the committee during the 2017-18 were invited. Laura Carlson was nominated to serve as chair and elected on a voice vote.

Topics for 2017-18 Laura shared information about several topics the committee would discuss in the 2017-18 academic year. She also invited committee members to bring forward additional items. The topics included parental leave policies for faculty members; the administration of the next Faculty Experience Survey in 2018; the findings of Mark McKenna's 2016-17 project on committee representation; discussions of topics that are the subject of ad hoc committees, including teaching and governance; and future directions for the University Committee on Women Faculty and Students.

Mapother Luncheon Nominations Each year, the Provost invites women faculty to lunch as part of the Mapother Lunch Series, the result of gift to the university with the goal of encouraging communication among faculty and administration. The Provost holds two lunches each semester, one for a pair of junior women faculty and the other for more senior faculty. The members of the University Committee for Women and Students are invited to nominate faculty members to attend lunch. Names were provided at the meeting and via email afterwards, and the 2017-18 invitations were sent to faculty members nominated by the UCWFS.

Academic Articles Decennial Review Mark McKenna, vice-chair of the committee that is charged with the current ten-year review of the Notre Dame *Academic Articles*, shared information about the listening sessions that he and committee chair Michael Desch have been conducting since the beginning of summer 2017. He described several issues that have been brought to the attention of the committee in this early stage of its work. He invited comments from the committee, and a discussion ensued. Mark invited further thoughts for the decennial review committee to be emailed to him.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 11 am.