**Academic Affairs Committee**

**Minutes**

**Wednesday, November 18, 2020**

**6:00 P.M.**

**VIRTUAL MEETING per state law and Governor Pritzker’s Executive Order**

**Call to Order: 6:02**

**Roll Call**:

* Blum Present
* Cline Present
* Lahiri Present
* Mainieri Present
* Nikolaou Present
* Peterson Present
* Harris Absent
* Phillips Present
* Spranger Present
* Toth Present
* Hurd (Provost’s designee) Present
* Paolucci (UCC liaison) Absent

**Order of Business:**

1. Approval of committee minutes
   * Documents provided to committee members in advance of the meeting: *Minutes#6AAC11.04.20*
   * Changes: No changes proposed
   * Motion to approve: Cline
   * Second: Toth
   * Roll call vote:
     1. Blum Aye
     2. Cline Aye
     3. Lahiri Aye
     4. Mainieri Aye
     5. Nikolaou Aye
     6. Peterson Aye
     7. Phillips Aye
     8. Spranger Aye
     9. Toth Aye
2. Invited Speaker for the IDEAS Graduation Requirement Proposal:

* **Dr. Doris Houston**, Interim Assistant to the President for Diversity and Inclusion, Member of the U.S. Diversity Ad Hoc Committee.
* Introductory remarks from Dr. Houston
  + President’s Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Council has drafted definitions of diversity, equity, and inclusion, but they are still under review and need review by legal and approval by the President
  + University has not had standard definitions for all the core terms, which isn’t unusual for universities
  + Dr. Houston shared the draft definitions with the committee, with the committee asking questions and offering feedback within the context of the IDEAS proposal
  + Dr. Houston shared that the original intent of the IDEAS proposal for access was geared toward ability
  + Dr. Houston confirmed timeline for when the committee needs the definitions confirmed
* Dr. Houston answered questions from the committee members about the IDEAS proposal overall

1. Endorsement of alternative language for item 3 for tabled Textbook Policy:
   * Documents provided to committee members in advance of the meeting:
     1. *Policy 4.1.3 Textbooks CURRENT Copy*
     2. *Policy 4.1.3 Textbooks MARK UP*
     3. *Policy 4.1.3 Textbooks CLEAN Copy*
   * Discussion postponed to next meeting
   * Cline offered suggestion to clarify first sentence of the policy

**Motion to Adjourn: Blum**

**Second: Lahiri**

**Adjourn: 6:57PM**