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TO: Faculty, Staff and Academic Administrators  
FROM: Jessica L. Holt  
Manager of Faculty Affairs  
RE: October 18, 2016 Faculty Meeting Minutes

### **Approval of the Agenda**

Professor Pierce called the meeting to order on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 12:30 p.m. in the Kanbar Performance Space. The agenda was approved.

Each meeting is recorded and posted on the Provost's website [<https://www.philau.edu/provost/meetings/>] for any faculty not able to attend.

### **Approval of the Minutes of the September 20, 2016 Full Faculty Meeting**

Professor Pierce presented the minutes, which were acknowledged and submitted.

### **Faculty Voices**

#### **Report of the Provost/ Dean of the Faculty**

**M. Baker**

Provost Baker commented on the Mentorship Program and that additional information will be forthcoming. He expressed his thanks to those who are currently assisting and taking part in filling the 13 faculty position searches. Lastly, Provost Baker reported that there have been question and answer sessions with both full-time and adjunct faculty regarding the integration. Future sessions will be taking place with other stakeholders on campus.

#### **Reports of the Standing Committees**

##### ***Summary of Student Experience Committee Forum***

**C. Hermann**

Professor Hermann provided a summary of the recent Student Experience Committee Forum regarding the integration. She reported that there were approximately 45 students and 10 faculty in attendance to speak with Dr. Spinelli, Provost Baker, Pat Baldrige, and Henry Humphreys. Of the 75 questions received, most focused on how the integration would impact the students, the mission and the programs. Following the forum, the SGA attended a SEC meeting and provided feedback. Professor Hermann noted that there will be additional forums planned for the future.

#### **Integration Update**

##### ***University Community Forum***

**B. Shepard-Rabadam**

The Faculty and Staff forum will be held immediately following the Faculty Meeting at 1:30 pm.

### ***Executive Summary of Faculty Listening Sessions***

**B. Shepard-Rabadam**

Beth Shepard-Rabadam directed the attendees to the presentation materials and provided a summary of the Faculty Listening Sessions held by both PhilaU and TJU. She detailed the number of participants and sessions at each campus, the focus groups, discussed the parallel values and tradition, the common perspective on integration opportunities, concerns raised on each campus, and the next steps.

### **Unfinished Business**

None at this time.

### **New Business**

None at this time.

### **Report of the President**

**Dr. S. Spinelli**

In lieu of an official report, in part due to the Faculty and Staff Forum, Dr. Spinelli asked if there were any questions.

A question was raised on the floor surrounding the role of the Dean of Students and if it is appropriate for it to be separate from the Provost. Dr. Spinelli commented that this is something that will be reviewed. Dr. Spinelli also clarified the difference between “Chancellor” and “President.” TJU operates under a pillar structure. The President runs the whole enterprise while the Chancellor leads the academic pillar.

Dr. Spinelli reported that the University master plan was approved by the Philadelphia City Council for the first time. This will provide a 20 year growth plan and is awaiting signature from the mayor.

### **Announcements**

Stan Gorski reminded attendees of the book event surrounding Mark Haven’s recently published book, *Out of Season: The Vanishing Architecture of the Wildwoods*. The events will be on Thursday, October 20, 2016 from 12:30 – 2:00 pm in the Library Instruction Space.

He also mentioned that an upcoming book event will be held in November for Steve Dinero. An email with details will be forthcoming.

Lastly, he advised attendees that the library will be distributing via email a survey on their services and performance. He encourages all faculty, staff and students to complete the survey.

Barbara Klinkhammer announced that Philadelphia University’s B.S.in Interior Design Program has been ranked 11th in the country by DesignIntelligence.

Jeff Cepull announced that there is a Cybersecurity scam regarding the IRS and the CP2000 form. If you are contacted regarding this form via phone, U.S.P.S. mail or email, do not respond.

Beth Shepard-Rabadam announced that November is International Education Month. There will be posters, a celebration and faculty social. Information will be forthcoming.

Jeff Ashley reminded attendees that on October 27<sup>th</sup>, TJU will be hosting a “Meet & Greet” on their campus which will include a Nexus Presentation from PhilaU, an IPE presentation from TJU, and a Wine and Cheese reception. Please RSVP via the invitation sent by TJU. If you plan on attending and require transportation, please make sure you answer that question in your response.

Sheila Connelly reminded attendees that the DesignX Fashion Show will be held on November 3, 2016 during the free period.

Lyn Godley announced that of the 50 finalists in the Electrolux Design Competition, six (6) were from the United States, and three (3) of those came from the sophomore class at PhilaU.

Nancy Howard reminded attendees that the last day for students to withdraw from a course is on October 28, 2016.

Adjourned at 1:05 p.m.