Summary of Homewood Academic Council September 2016-January 2017

From September 2016 – January 2017, the Homewood Academic Council:

- Considered and voted on the following types of promotions/appointments: Promotion to Associate with tenure (3 cases), Appointment to Associate Professor (1 case), Appointment to Full Professor (3 cases, 2 of them Bloomberg Distinguished Professors), Promotion to Associate Teaching Professor (1 case), Appointment to Professor Emeritus (2 cases), and Appointment to Homewood Professor of Public Policy (1 case).
- Changed the review cycle for departments, centers, and programs in KSAS from five years to six years.
- Approved substantial modifications to the Engineering for Professionals degree programs in 1) Master of Science in Applied and Computational Mathematics and 2) Post-Master’s Certificate in Applied and Computational Mathematics. The substantial modification was the offering of the degree/certificate online.
- Approved a new Advanced Academic Programs offering: Certificate in Digital Humanities.
- Approved changes in the template letters sent to referees for promotion from Assistant to Associate Professor with tenure. In revisions to this letter template last year an explicit statement about comparing the candidate to other scholars at the same stage in their career had been accidently removed.
- Approved a change in the Appointment and Promotion Procedures Document to make it clearer that any role that the candidate plays in the selection of letter writers must be included in the chair’s letter to the dean requesting the formation of an ad hoc committee.
- Discussed and provided feedback to the administration on the Tabb Committee Report on the Humanities Center.
- Participated in unconscious bias training facilitated by Dr. Chiquita Collins, Director and Associate Dean for Diversity and Cultural Competence at the School of Medicine.

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Secretary, Fall 2016