Summary of Homewood Academic Council Activity Spring 2018 (February-June 2018).

Activities:
Considered and voted on the following types of promotions/appointments: Promotion to Associate Teaching Professor (1 case); Promotion to Associate Professor (14 cases); Promotion to Full Professor (6 cases); Appointment as Associate Professor (4 cases); Appointment as Full Professor (7 cases); Appointment as Professor Emeritus (3 cases); Appointment as Associate BDP (1 case); and Appointment as BDP (3 cases).

Approved dual programs for 1) Cultural Heritage Management and Digital Curation and 2) Cultural Heritage Management and Nonprofit Management in Advanced Academic Programs; Approved a new Master of Science in Healthcare Systems Engineering in the Engineering for Professionals Program; Approved a new concentration in Immersive Storytelling and Emerging Technologies in the Advanced Academic Programs’ Film and Media Program; Approved new minor requirements in the Center for Leadership Education; Approved a new Concentration in Human Language Technology (WSE); and Approved the reinstatement of the Doctor of Engineering Degree (WSE).

Program Reviews of five Departments: German and Romance Languages and Literatures, History of Science and Technology, Public Health Studies, Applied Mathematics and Statistics, and Cognitive Science.

The Appointments and Promotions subcommittee or the Board of Review approved the following types of promotions/appointments: Appointment as Adjunct Research Scientist (1 case); Appointment as Research Scientist (1 case); Appointment as Research Professor (1 case); Appointment as Lecturer (5 cases); Appointment as Visiting Assistant Professor (3 cases); Appointment as Visiting Professor (1 case); Appointment as J.J. Sylvester Assistant Professor (4 cases); Promotion to Senior Lecturer (3 cases); Appointment as Lecturer (7 cases); and Appointment as Assistant Professor (6 cases).

The HAC co-secretaries had four lunches with groups of department chairs to discuss appointment and promotion procedures as well as general concerns.

HAC members had four lunches with junior tenure-track faculty.

There was ongoing discussions about revising procedures for promotion and tenure; a discussion of the two-stage versus the one-stage process.

Council had concerns about the harassment and discrimination procedures as administered through the Office of Institutional Equity and has been in discussion about with the Office of Institutional Equity.

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Co-Secretary, Spring 2018