Report of the Senate Chair 5-1-23

The Executive committee had a rather lengthy meeting on 4-17, beginning with a report from President McFaddin before the official meeting began at 4PM. In addition to the Provost's report (you will see many of the items included in her report to the Senate for this May 1st meeting) the EC spent most of its time on updates from the liaisons to the Senate Standing Committees. Some Committees have already completed their work--you have heard the extensive report of the Budget Committee. The final, large report will be delivered today from the Welfare Committee dealing with the results of their survey to the faculty. This report is the second of its kind, building on their important work last year. I would like to commend Chair James Blair and the Welfare Committee for the valuable work in taking the temperature of the faculty and allowing us to pass along real data to the administration instead of anecdotes. The same goes for Budget and the rest of the committees. All have done truly outstanding work.

This will be my last report to you as Chair. I wish it could have been in-person, but I'm glad that you will at least do the first and last in-person starting next year. It has been an honor and a privilege to be your Chair for the last 2 years, and your Vice Chair for 2 years before that. I feel like we have made real progress. I should tell you that Pauletta presented me with an engraved gavel on your behalf. I will cherish it I trust that the "Problem Solvers" group will continue—at lot of problems have been headed off at the pass or brought to the attention of the Provost so that the issues are on her radar. Finally, I look forward to the work of my successor, Dr. Lisa Kay, and the rest of the new leadership.

Wishing you the best in all your endeavors,

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