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President's Report for April 2015

Dear Colleagues,

Spring is springing up all over! I wish you all fortitude with the push to the finish line... and an endless supply of tissues for all of you spring allergy sufferers....

As always, there are a number of issues that you should be aware of:

1. We've Got Service!

Thanks to everyone who ran and who voted in the Faculty Assembly elections! It was really heartening to see new names on the ballot and see contests for seats! Congratulations to those who will be serving next year!

2. Speaking of Service...

Please join me in congratulating Sue Byerley (Library)! Sue is the recipient of the Faculty Assembly Service Award for 2015. Time after time, Sue has stepped up to do service at both the Campus and System levels, in addition to all that she does on a daily basis. Help me congratulate Sue by swinging by the library or joining the cheering section at the Campus Award Ceremony on Wednesday, April 29th in Berger Hall from 4-6.

3. Mentorship Update

Discussions to address mentorship issues raised in the report are still on-going. Kelli Klebe presented some action items for addressing faculty mentorship issues at the Dean's Council last week.

In the meantime, Faculty Assembly is moving forward with its "Conversations at Clyde's" initiative (thanks to Al Schoffstall for the name). The purpose of these sessions is to start building a sense of community and create informal network connections across colleges and departments and between faculty. Come join us for a beverage and/or a snack! We have no budget, so this is "buy your own." Talk about your hobbies, your pets, your kids, or even your work! This is also a great opportunity to learn about faculty governance service options.

This initiative is starting this semester and will be a monthly occurrence. The day of the week will depend on the schedule of the faculty assembly representative "hosts," but they will always run from 4-6. All faculty assembly representatives will be responsible for attending at least one session per academic year. Monique French, your incoming president, will be bringing a sign-up sheet to the first

faculty assembly meeting in September. New reps, please bring your calendars. Our event schedule is as follows:

April 22 (Wednesday): Michèle Companion (LAS - FA President 2014-15), Mandi Elder (Beth-El, FA President 2013-14), Tom Zwirlein (BUS – current P & B chair).

May – date to be determined: Monique French (BUS – FA President 2015-16), Joe Postell (LAS – FA Secretary 2015-16), Mark Malone (COE – EPUS chair and too many other things to list)

August – date to be determined: Monique French (BUS – FA President 2015-16), Barbara Prinari (LAS – FA Vice President/President Elect 2016-17), and Bitá Rivas (COE – FA Secretary 2015-16)

Finally, many have asked and the answer is – just because I will cease to be president on June 30th does not mean that the push for campus-wide mentorship initiatives will die. As your colleague, I am committed to this issue and will continue to work with the administration on this. Monique French and other members of the incoming Faculty Governance structure are also committed to this issue. Our work will continue!

4. Commencement!

Join us at the World Arena for the Commencement Ceremony on May 15th! It is a great opportunity to help celebrate the accomplishment of your students. Faculty will be seated together on the floor of the arena directly in front of the stage to facilitate our ability to get up and congratulate our students personally.

Respectfully submitted this 5th of April, 2015

Michèle Companion, FA President 2014-2015