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Diversity Committee

The Diversity Committee held its first retreat shortly before the start of classes. The committee reviewed the discriminatory acts policy, set some goals for the semester, and began a preliminary discussion to its charge. We also welcomed our new student members, Donnay Burden and Miriam Thomas.

Faculty Development

Faculty Development has made a few minor changes to its procedures over the summer. The first involves travel reimbursements. We ask faculty fill out the following [survey](#) by October 15 to let us know if you will be using your \$1,000 for this year, and, if you will exceed it. In addition, we will no longer be requesting a "visible product" for faculty who are returning from leave or who have had small research grants. Instead, faculty will be asked to provide a brief progress report on their work, including plans for dissemination and an updated C.V.

Please let us know all the good things you've been up to so we can feature them on our website. Submit your achievement items [here](#).

Institutional Review Board

New IRB requirements for continuing review of research:

Due to the changes in government guidelines for study review and IRBs, certain protocols that were originally approved under an expedited review are no longer required to go through the continuing review process. The IRB implemented this new policy on August 15, 2018. As a result, any research set to expire after that date, which fits the criteria, will be notified as their expiration date approaches, that they have the option to adopt this policy for their protocol.

Philadelphia Experience



The Philadelphia Experience program ("PhillyX") begins its third year with the Fall 2018 semester. On Sunday, August 26th, eighteen Ursinus students checked in to the Axis Apartments, located between the University of Pennsylvania and Drexel University. These students will study, intern, and live in Philadelphia for the semester. They come from a wide variety of majors, including Applied Economics, Neuroscience, Computer Science, MCS, Music, and Art & Art History. And they're working at internships at CHOP, a biology lab at Temple University, Northwestern Mutual, Billy Penn, the Historical Society of Philadelphia, and GoBelieve Culture. The college offers three courses in Philadelphia this fall: IDS-110 (The Philadelphia Intellectual Experience, Prof. Holly Hubbs), HIST-220 (The City as Text, Prof.

Lori Daggar), and HEP-360 (Health in the City, Prof. Cathy van de Ruit), taking advantage of the cultural and intellectual resources of Philadelphia. Honoring the tradition of communal liberal arts education, all eighteen students enroll in a "Philly 101" course (taught by Prof. Roger Florka).

Summer Fellows



Sixty-six eight-week student researchers participated in the 2018 Summer Fellows program, along with six 4-week FUTURE students. (With the expiration of the multi-year HHMI grant, the internal Summer Fellows budget is covering the FUTURE program for now.) 16 of the 66 eight-week Summer Fellows (24.2%) were underrepresented students of color, and 22 of the 66 (33%) were students of color. These are the

highest percentages of underrepresented students and students of color on record for Summer Fellows.

Watson Workshop

On Sept 6, we had a visit from Chris Kasabach, director of the T.J. Watson Foundation. Chris shared sample applications with the committee and illuminated what makes for a successful application.

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