REMARKS OF THE CHAIR: 10/18

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Progress Towards Priorities

- **Teaching excellence**
  - FAC and EPC partnering with Teaching Academy and with Vice Provost Rickus
  - Senate has a representative on teaching space master planning

- **Healthcare**
  - FCBC, MaPSAC, CSSAC working with Candace Shaffer on preventive care
  - Seeking volunteers to work with Candace on navigating healthcare choices

- **J-term**
  - Provost's office is working with EPC, and has apprised FAC of the evolution of this initiative

- **Assessing critical thinking skills**
  - Senate not (yet?) formally engaged – several volunteers stepped forward
Progress Towards Priorities

- **Partnering**
  - Delivering: We are engaging and providing timely feedback on priorities

- **Diversity and Equity**
  - EDIC working on an appropriate way to recognize Juneteenth
  - Coordinating activities with Global and the Regionals

- **Grade inflation**
  - Senate not (yet?) formally engaged – there was 2019 study

- **Mental Health**
  - Senate not (yet?) formally engaged

- **Sexual Assault Prevention and Survivor Support**
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- Students protested at the BoT meeting on 10/1
  - Delivered a powerful message
  - Want to be part of the solution

- Sexual assault and harassment not limited to the students
  - This is a campus-wide, community-wide problem
  - Requires a campus-wide, community-wide solution

- We can’t wait for the Dean of Students, HR, Provost, or Title IX office to solve this
  - Action is required to change the culture of campus
  - We have to listen to our stakeholders and help generate actionable solutions
Our Role: Sexual Assault Prevention and Survivor Support

- ‘SAFER’ Resolution
  - Resulting from a partnership between SAC and PSG
  - Action-focused

- Senate will form ‘Select’ Committee
  - Includes representatives from FAC, EPC, SAC, EDIC
  - Will partner with Dean of Students, CARES Center, and other appropriate offices across campus
  - Charge: Engage stakeholders, understand the complexities of sexual violence on campus and generate informed, actionable plans that will change our culture
THANK YOU