

HOWARD UNIVERSITY

Chairman of the Board

June 19, 2019

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Dr. Sonya K. Sobrian
Chair, Howard University Faculty Senate
525 Bryant Street, NW Rm. C-119
Washington, DC 20059

Dear Dr. Sobrian:

Thank you for your memo dated June 17, 2019. As I mentioned in my response dated June 7, 2019, to your letter of the same date, the Board noted your communication to me. In its commitment to shared governance, the Board has always considered communications from the Faculty Senate Council. Your letter, however, was delivered to us with a time stamp of 2:32 a.m. on the day of the Board meeting. This is unfortunate as the date of this meeting has been on the Board calendar for over a year. The Board's vote to approve the Proposed Faculty Handbook Revision was not a hasty one; it represented the culmination of years of engagement with the Faculty Senate. As Dr. Wutoh stated in his letter to you yesterday, the extraordinary ten-year process during which the Faculty Senate provided recommendations, crafted language and expressed its concerns is a true example of shared governance. We welcomed this engagement. In light of the on-going reaccreditation process, however, the Board's fiduciary obligation to the University required that the Board move forward with a decision.

I note your request for a meeting with representatives of the Academic Excellence Committee, the Audit & Legal Committee and the Executive Committee between July 8, 2019 and July 15, 2019. Unfortunately, given trustees' schedules, a meeting during this time is not possible. Dr. Wutoh, whose attendance at these meetings you have requested, has also indicated that he will be on international travel during that period.

The Board hopes that for the good of the University, we may all move forward.

Sincerely,


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Howard University Board of Trustees

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