

**Re: HU Board of Trustees: Academic Excellence Committee**

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Fri 10/29/2021 5:47 PM

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Dear Professor Alfred,

Understood. Thank you for your reply.

Best wishes,  
Christie

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**Sent:** Friday, October 29, 2021 5:41 PM

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Good evening Secretary Taylor,

Regrettably, I will have to decline signing the NDA and attending the meeting as a faculty representative. Although the HU Faculty Senate anticipates working with the HU Board of Trustees, it is inappropriate and a possible conflict of interest for the Chairperson of the HU Faculty Senate to participate, instead of the representatives elected by the faculty to represent them on the Board (affiliate trustees).

I'd like to emphasize the Senate wants to meet with, and have elected representatives on the HU Board of Trustees in all facets of service.

Sincerely,

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Dear Professor Alfred,

I am following up on my correspondence, dated October 19, regarding your participation on the Academic Excellence Committee of the Howard University Board of Trustees.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this opportunity. If you wish to participate in the meeting, scheduled for next Thursday, November 4, I need to receive your signed confidentiality statement prior to the end of this week.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,  
Christie

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**From:** Taylor, Christie

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 19, 2021 10:10 AM

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Dear Professor Alfred,

At its meeting in June 2021, the Howard University Board of Trustees recommended that the elected leadership of the four affiliate groups (the HU Student Association, the Graduate Student Assembly, the Faculty Senate, and the HU Alumni Association) participate on a regular basis with relevant Committees of the Board and have the opportunity to present to the Board annually.

The first meeting of the Academic Excellence Committee will be held on **November 4, 2021, from 10 am to noon, on Zoom**. A calendar invitation to the meeting will follow.

The Board invites you, as Chair of the Faculty Senate to participate on the Academic Excellence Committee and has granted you voting privileges on the Committee. Consistent with Board policy, however, any executive sessions called by the Chair of the Committee will be limited to Trustees only. Should that happen, you will be excused from the meeting.

As a prerequisite for your participation on the Academic Excellence Committee meeting, please sign and return the attached Confidentiality Agreement to my attention.

I look forward to your participation on the committee.

Best wishes,  
Christie Taylor

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