

CALS Faculty Council: August 2018 Update

Dear Colleagues,

As we enter the new academic year, I want to thank you for all your input and contributions to, and support of, the CALS Faculty Council.

In accordance with our Charter and membership rotation rules, the FC has a new/updated roster this year. Dr. Marc J. Orbach, Professor, School of Plant Sciences, will assume Chairpersonship of the Council – there could not be a better advocate for all of us. Please welcome Marc and give him your very highest support.

This past year, the FC actively discussed, and commented on many issues including teaching equity, promotions for POPs, CALS climate/climate surveys, deferred maintenance, and other topics. These were brought to the attention of the Council by its members, but more often than not, faculty in our College. Please continue to do so!

The FC-sponsored Town Halls were also a highlight of the 2017-18 year. It is anticipated that these will continue, and your support for them and input at the events will be critical. This is your opportunity to interface with our Executive Council, all of whom willingly and graciously agreed to participate in the event.

As I transition out of the FC, I want to personally thank you all for trusting me to advocate on your behalf, giving me the opportunity to participate in UA shared governance, and sharing your hopes and concerns with me so openly. I am truly grateful for your support.

Sincerely,



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