



**Committee on Academic Affairs and Student Life
Meeting Agenda**

Thursday, July 16, 2020
11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Via Zoom

Public Session

1. Call to Order (D. Han)
2. Approval of February 20, 2020 Meeting *Minutes* (D. Han)
3. The Disproportionate Effect that COVID-19 has had on Under-represented Populations at Penn State
(L. Brito, S. Clarke, R. Engel, P. Foreman, Y. Gaudelius, N. Holland, Q. Jackson, and M. Whitehurst)

Executive Session (if needed)

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Lisbeth Brito began her studies at Penn State in Fall 2017 at Penn State Berks. She is majoring in Rehabilitation and Human Services with a minor in Women and Gender Studies, and plans to pursue a career as a Speech-Language Pathologist. Lisbeth is from Jersey City, NJ but currently residing in Allentown, PA.



Shana Clarke is an Academic Advisor and Coordinator of Multicultural Initiatives in the Division of Undergraduate Studies (DUS). Her work in higher education has spanned admissions, academic and career counseling, diversity outreach and support, and first-year and senior transitions.



Renata Engel is responsible for online education at Penn State including Penn State World Campus, which encompasses more than 150 undergraduate and graduate online degree programs, minors, and certificates. Her office supports all aspects of

the operation of Penn State World Campus such as academic affairs, academic advising, faculty development, and the development, piloting, and evaluation of online curricular innovations and enhancements at Penn State.



Gabrielle Foreman is a Professor of English, African American Studies, and History and is the Paterno chair of Liberal Arts. She is the founding faculty director of the award-winning Colored Conventions Project. CCP, which brings seven decades of Black organizing to digital life at ColoredConventions.org has been featured in newspapers such as

the New York Times. She and members of her team came to Penn State in 2019 to launch the Center for Black Digital Research.



Yvonne Gaudelius is an Associate Vice President and Senior Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education and a Professor of Art Education & Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies at The Pennsylvania State University. Her responsibilities include the Office of Summer Sessions,

the Office of Student Orientation and Transition Programs, academic integrity, online learning, and ROTC.



Nyla Holland is a rising senior majoring in Political Science and African American Studies, as well as a first-year graduate student in the School of Public Policy. Nyla currently serves at the President of the Penn State Black Caucus, a BLUEprint mentor and the Public Relations Director for the MLK Commemoration Student Committee. She is passionate

about service and social justice and improving educational outcomes for marginalized students.



Quiana M. Jackson is a graduate of the Infant and Family Development/Early Intervention Program at Bank Street College of Education Dual Degree with Hunter College Silberman School of Social Work. Quiana is a second-year graduate student in the College of Education,

Curriculum and Instruction, Early Childhood Education Ph.D. program, and the recipient of the Bunton-Waller Fellowship. In her work as a graduate student, she hopes to study the intersections of race, culture, and representation and its impacts on educational outcomes for children of color from an international and comparative lens.



Marcus Whitehurst is the Vice Provost for Educational Equity at Penn State. He oversees several units and works collaboratively with a number of offices both within and outside the University, with a goal of ensuring that diversity, equity, and inclusion are central to the success for a diverse body of students, faculty, and staff at all Penn State campuses.

He is also responsible for coordinating the efforts of the Advancing Inclusion, Equity, and Diversity section in the University-wide strategic plan.