Considering the Establishment of a Members of Color Caucus and other Caucuses in TAUP

The Mission set forth in the Constitution ratified last year by TAUP's members reads in part: "We uphold the ideals of Opportunity, Quality, and Accountability and maintain that faculty, librarians, and academic professionals, on all tracks and of all ranks, must be treated as professionals." If those ideals are to be upheld, we must work to ensure that racism, sexism, homophobia, and other forms of violence are recognized and combated.

One way to accomplish those goals is to organize caucuses that would allow members to share experiences, identify problems that fall within the purview of TAUP, and find potential solutions.

Some Faculty of Color have been discussing this possibility and want to see if others would be interested in such a caucus; librarians and academic professionals would also be very welcome, so Members of Color Caucus is our working title for the group!

We will be holding exploratory meetings on Tuesday, 4/25 and Wednesday, 4/26 from 10-11 in Gladfelter 413. If you are interested, even if you cannot attend either meeting, RSVP here.

We are also considering caucuses for women and LGBTQIA+ members, depending on the interest of our members. If you would be interest in discussing the possibility of a Women’s and/or LGBTQIA+ caucus, please email Steve Newman, Vice President of TAUP, stevenewman1970@gmail.com.

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