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Sent on behalf of Suzanne Wagner, Chair, College Advisory Council

Dear students, faculty and staff of the College of Arts and Letters,

The open meeting yesterday of the [College's Advisory Council](#) was a good start to the collaborative healing, conversation and activism that we will need in the coming weeks in this College. Students at the meeting made clear that they want to form a stronger partnership with faculty and staff. There were proposals for improved communication networks and spaces that would facilitate this. There were questions about the future of the Board and the University. There were calls for the suspension of classes for a day. There were reminders that we need to deeply examine how we treat one another individually too.

I thank everybody who shared their emotions, ideas, questions and suggestions, or just their presence, as well as the people who sent questions via Google Form.

We'll send out a summary of the meeting very soon. We are also working rapidly on (among other things) arrangements for further open discussion events, to be held as soon as possible. Please watch for save-the-date messages.

In the meantime, here are some time-sensitive reminders and information from participants yesterday:

- **Voting faculty** are asked to respond to the e-mail message you received on Wed Jan 31 from the At-Large Steering Committee members. (Check your spam mail and other low priority folders if you did not receive it, or e-mail acadgov@msu.edu to request a ballot). You are asked to vote on whether the Steering Committee should refer to Faculty Senate a vote of no confidence in the Board of Trustees.
- A **faculty open letter** to the Board of Trustees, Acting President and Provost, was publicized by participants: <http://msufic.wordpress.com>. Signatures were requested.
- There is a [Rally for Transparency at the Rock](#) today, 5-7pm, organized by MSU Democrats, open to everyone.
- A **workshop** "Strategies on Talking with our Students about the Nassar Hearings and Beyond" is open to all College individuals who teach or interact with students, Wed Feb 7, 11:15am-12:30pm in B-122 Wells Hall.
- [Tarana Burke](#), the founder of the #metoo movement, will be coming to campus this semester. Stay tuned.

Please don't hesitate to contact me or [your CAC representative](#). The CAC is drawn from CAL faculty, undergraduate students and graduate students. We advise the Dean on College policy and College welfare from the perspective of the groups we represent. We rely on all of you to advise us as well.

Best,
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