

Faculty Senate Resolution in Honor of Deputy Provost and Dean of Faculty Mary L. Clark May 6, 2020

Whereas Mary L. Clark has served American University since 2001 in a series of increasingly critical roles as Professor of Law, Dean of Academic Affairs and Senior Vice Provost, Interim Provost, and Deputy Provost and Dean of Faculty, and will leave her position on June 30, 2020;

Whereas throughout her tenure in all of her roles she has consistently demonstrated that decency, compassion, and empathy are the hallmarks of true leadership;

Whereas under her leadership increasing the diversity of American University's faculty, a critical component of our university-wide commitment to inclusive excellence, we have had several years of growth in diverse faculty hiring, culminating last fall with fifty-six percent of new tenure-line faculty hired identifying as faculty of color;

Whereas she has been a valuable partner with the faculty as we implemented new phases of the AU Core and AUx together, helping to shape the dynamic American University learning environment for our students; and

Whereas her leadership of the Learning for Undergraduate, Graduate, and Professional Students imperative of the American University Strategic Plan, "Changemakers for a Changing World," was instrumental in the development of this key university goal;

Therefore be it resolved that the Faculty Senate, on behalf of the faculty of American University, *commends* Deputy Provost Clark; *expresses* its appreciation for her leadership; *declares* that American University is a better place to study, teach, and work because of her; and *wishes* her well as she moves to take her new position as the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor at the University of Denver.