

February 7, 2023
CLA Faculty Senate meeting
Q&A with Provost Patrick Wolfe

Equity and Diversity

CLA is an important part of our campus's commitment to fostering greater diversity and inclusion: Our research and teaching consider issues related to racism, sexism and other forms of discrimination; our small classes invite discussion and critical dialogue; and our majors provide valuable disciplinary breadth that invite multiple forms of expression. As the Chief Diversity Officer for the university, how will you draw on this expertise and expand the capacity of the CLA (including its faculty and its students) to help Purdue create a more inclusive, supportive, and diverse campus community?

Non-Tenure Track Faculty

As CLA (and perhaps other colleges) become increasingly dependent on non-tenure-track faculty (including LTLs, CLs, and clinical faculty), what efforts are underway to address quality-of-life issues for these faculty (e.g., retention, promotion, representation, research support, etc.)?

Hiring Issues

In our survey, faculty raised concerns about the prioritization of STEM-adjacent scholarship within the CLA—across hiring, research programs and curricular developments. As Provost, how do you see the liberal arts (regardless of their connection to STEM) fitting into the greater mission of the university today and how would like to see our role develop in the near future?

Our faculty have raised concerns about the lack of diversity among candidate pools and current faculty. What are your plans to address these critical diversity issues in the next five years? What tangible goals have you set or do you plan to set in the near future?