

June 30, 2020

Dear LaVonna and Erroll,

In recent weeks and months we have seen renewed urgency around issues of societal inequities and injustices which are now at the forefront of the national conversation. Although these conversations are not new, it's clear that we are in the midst of a pivotal moment of reckoning and must redouble our efforts to enact substantive reform. As a public policy school, we have a critical role to play in bringing research and expertise to bear on these pressing issues of social justice. This is at the heart of our commitment to improve the quality of life for people and their communities, developing innovative solutions to the most entrenched injustices of our day.

To that end, I am inviting you to co-chair a Price School Social Justice Advisory Board representing faculty, staff, and students, effective July 1. The board will advise me on actionable proposals to advance research and education in this area. Its charge is not to reinvent existing processes already addressed and improved by other efforts, but rather to propose new initiatives—building on our current strengths—related but not limited to policing, criminal justice, and representative governance. Recommendations will help direct the School's priorities, including fundraising, with the aim of amplifying our impact over the long term.

Over the course of the fall semester, the board should develop a 2-3 page action plan (“Pathways to Transformative Justice”) to share with student leadership, faculty, and staff, followed by a Price Listen.Learn.Lead session to discuss its implementation.

The Price School has done important work over the years to give a voice to underserved communities, but we can do more. I appreciate your consideration of this request to lead the Price School Social Justice Advisory Board.

Sincerely,



Dana Goldman  
Interim Dean

