Dean’s Remarks • February 10th, 2022

As part of NYU BeTogether, we’re proud to announce that we’re devoting bookseller share their insights into this remarkable story. Learn how an indie book sold half a million copies and is still topping the charts. This event is a panel discussion on the 2021-2022 NYU Reads selection, which will be announced in the near future.

Thursday, February 24

My name is Erica McGibbon and I recently joined the SPS Office of Academic and Faculty Affairs as Director of Academic Affairs. This new role is an exciting opportunity to support our faculty and students, and I look forward to working with you all.

As we begin February, we’re excited to launch the pilot educational module on Diversity, and Strategic Innovation (OGI) has officially launched the pilot. This 60-75 minute pilot educational module has been created to support a shared understanding of the concepts and foundational principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion. We encourage you to take this module and reflect on how these concepts can be applied to your work, and how you can continuously learn and grow.

We’re also celebrating the beginning of Black History Month. While self-reflection and learning are a continual occurrence here at SPS, I hope the next few weeks provide opportunities to engage in meaningful ways. We have several initiatives and events planned that provide opportunities for reflection and learning.

The University will launch NYU One Day in March, which is an annual event where students, faculty, and staff can come together to celebrate and honor Black History Month. This event will include a variety of workshops, panel discussions, and other activities designed to promote understanding and appreciation of the rich history and culture of African Americans.

We’re also launching the Justice Zone, a new initiative that will bring together students, faculty, and staff from across the university to work towards creating a more just and equitable community. The Justice Zone will be focused on creating a safe and inclusive space for all students, and will include a variety of programs and events designed to promote understanding and appreciation of different cultures and perspectives.

I hope you are settling in to what will be a very active Spring semester. I am excited to hear from you about any ideas you have for making changes to an existing degree in your division. If you have any questions, you are welcome to explore the pilot educational module or contact me at sps.dean.office@nyu.edu.

Stay safe, and let us keep the positive Spring 2022 momentum going!

Warmly,

Dean McGibbon