

## **AU Welcomes Incoming President Burwell and Thanks President Kerwin**

The Faculty Senate enthusiastically welcomes The Honorable Sylvia Mathews Burwell and resolves to offer her our full cooperation and best effort as she takes on the job of leading the university over the years ahead.

Further, the Faculty Senate acknowledges the tremendous leadership of Dr. Neil Kerwin, to whom we are very grateful. It also takes comfort in knowing that his strong commitment to American University will continue.

The Faculty Senate reiterates that although our next president will face challenges – within the context of AU’s resounding overall success - that The Honorable Sylvia Mathews Burwell is the woman for the job. On behalf of the faculty, the Faculty Senate pledges our full cooperation and effort in working closely with Ms. Mathews Burwell and in helping her continue to move American University forward.

Finally, as there is no time to waste, we take this opportunity to formally invite Ms. Mathews Burwell to address the Faculty Senate as a private citizen in “listening mode” this spring, if she is available, or next fall, after she has formally commenced her new role.