Senate Council Advance June 15, 2011

SC Goals

(Taken from "Chair's Report" during September 13, 2010 University Senate Meeting.)

1. Improve the effectiveness of the Senate meetings.

- a. Modify the agenda to more closely resemble that described in "Robert's Rules" and currently used by other campuses.
- b. Include reports from officers, trustees and committee chairs.

2. Improve communication between Senators and Home Departments/Colleges.

- a. Develop a Senate listserv and keep Senators updated on ongoing issues.
- b. Encourage Senators to establish a mechanism to communicate with their college constituencies.

3. Reinvigorate Senate Committees.

- a. In addition to the long-standing charges to Senate committees in the Senate rules, committees will be charged with specific and timely tasks. Committee chairs will report back to the Senate.
- b. SC Chair will send the Senate a memo regarding these committees, their tasks and the Provost's agenda.

4. Examine committee structure to ensure that they appropriately meet the needs of the faculty.

- a. Consider whether committees should be merged to form an "Enrollment Management Advisory Committee.
- b. Consider formation of a "Grievance" Committee.

5. Establish specific goals for the University Senate.

- a. Goal #1: Successfully implement a revised General Education.
- b. Goal #2: Take ownership of the faculty responsibilities to the University, in part through charging Senate committees with relevant goals (and ensuring follow through).
- c. Goal #3: Plan for an inaugural "State of Affairs from the Faculty" address to be presented April 11, 2011.