From: Terence Bowers, Faculty Secretary
To: Faculty and Staff

The Faculty Senate met Tuesday evening (6 April). Here are the highlights of the meeting. Full minutes will follow later.

-- All curriculum proposals from the Faculty Curriculum Committee passed, with the exception of the majority of the Building Arts proposals, which will be debated and voted on at the next meeting on April 13.

-- All curriculum proposals from the Faculty Committee on Graduate Education, Continuing Education, and Special Programs passed.

-- All proposals from the Committee on General Education passed.

-- A call for additional nominations to the slates for Senate Committees was made.

-- The motion to amend Article V, Sect. 3B.1(b) of the by-laws passed. The amendment removes a reference to the April faculty meeting, which no longer takes place.

-- A motion to change the description of the Budget Committee in the by-laws failed.

-- As the Senate did not finish all its scheduled business, it will reconvene on April 13 at 5:00 P.M. in the Beatty Center to complete the remaining items on the agenda.
The Faculty Senate met Tuesday evening (2 March 2010). Here are the highlights of the meeting. Full minutes will follow later.

-- The motion to specify when a Senator leaving the Faculty Senate is eligible to return passed following the approval of three amendments from the Committee on the By-Laws and Faculty/Administration Manual. One amendment changed the “sitting-out” period from four years to one year; another clarified that a partial term of service in the Senate would count as a full term; and in the event that a department has no eligible member to serve in the Senate, a third amendment allowed departments to petition the Committee on Nominations and Elections for an exception to the eligibility rules governing how long a faculty member must sit out of the Senate after serving in it.

-- The motion change to the description of the Budget Committee in the by-Laws was sent to the Committee on the By-Laws and Faculty/Administration Manual Review, as required by the by-laws.

-- The motion to amend Article IV, Section 3B.1 of the by-laws was sent to the Committee on the By-Laws and Faculty/Administration Manual for review, as required by the by-laws.

-- The motion by the General-Education to eliminate free back credits in languages passed.
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The Faculty Senate met Tuesday evening (9 February 2010). Here are the highlights of the meeting. Full minutes will follow later.

--The motion to specify when a Senator leaving the Faculty Senate is eligible to return was sent, as required by the by-laws, to the Committee on the By-Laws and FAM for review.

--The Green-Plan Resolution was approved.

--The new major in Computing in the Arts was approved, as were all other curriculum proposals.
From: Terence Bowers, Faculty Secretary
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The Faculty Senate met Tuesday evening (19 January 2010). Here are the highlights of the meeting. Full minutes will follow later.

--Provost George Hynd delivered his first report to the Faculty Senate and expressed his excitement at being part of the College and working with faculty and staff.

--Steven Jaumé, chair of the Committee on Nominations and Elections, announced the call for nominations of Faculty Senate officers (Speaker and Faculty Secretary). Nominations should be submitted to him by February 1.

--The proposal to establish an MBA program passed, as did all other curricular proposals from the Faculty Committee on Graduate Education, Continuing Education, and Special Programs.
The Faculty Senate met Tuesday evening (8 December 2009). Here are the highlights of the meeting. Full minutes will follow later.

-- The proposal to extend the deadline to withdraw from a course passed.

-- All undergraduate, gen-ed, and graduate curricular proposals passed.
The Faculty Senate met Tuesday evening (10 November 2009). Here are the highlights of the meeting. Full minutes will follow later.

-- All curricular proposals at the undergraduate and graduate levels passed, except the proposals to change BIOL 101 and 102, which were withdrawn from the agenda.

-- The resolution to rename the Teacher-Scholar Award to the William V. Moore Distinguished Teacher/Scholar Award passed.

-- The motion to change the size and composition of the Faculty Senate passed. (Note: as the motion alters the faculty by-laws, it must still be ratified by the faculty before going into effect.)

-- The three proposals from the Tenure and Promotion Committee passed: the first two proposals sought to clarify the language concerning tenure and promotion to Associate Professor; the third sought to clarify language concerning the service standard for promotion to Professor.

-- The Gen-Ed Committee’s proposal that CLAS 105 (History of the Classical World) satisfy the Pre-Modern Gen-Ed history requirement passed.
The Faculty Senate met Tuesday evening (6 October 2009). Here are the highlights of the meeting. Full minutes will follow later.

--The motion to adopt a new Instructor/Course Evaluation form passed.

--The motion to change the size and composition of the Faculty Senate is pending. Debate on the motion will resume at the November meeting.

--As discussion of the above motions was rather lengthy, the Senate adjourned before it could deal with the curricular proposals on the agenda. Those proposals will be considered at next month’s meeting.
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The Faculty Senate met Tuesday evening (15 September 2009). A reception was held after the meeting at the President’s house, and thanks are due to Academic Affairs for sponsoring that event. Here are the highlights of the meeting. Full minutes will follow later.

--President Benson reported that the strategic plan was near completion, and that it hinged on a new financial model that did not depend on state funding.

--The President also reported that he was able to increase adjunct salaries by 10% this year, despite the economic downturn, which has made it impossible to raise the salaries of regular faculty. He re-affirmed, however, his commitment to increase faculty salaries and said that they should go up within the next two years, and that putting a merit-pay structure in place has been an important step toward that end.

--Interim Provost Diamond reported that a two-year pilot program for a new sabbatical policy is being implemented this year, which would allow faculty to take a full year’s sabbatical leave at two-thirds pay or a one-semester leave at full salary.

--The Provost also reported that she has ended the online course/instructor-evaluation pilot program because the “blended” system, which included paper and online evaluations, was causing some problems, especially with respect to tenure and promotion issues. She said that four faculty committees would review the pilot program and offer input on whether to stick with the paper system or go completely with an online system, and that Academic Affairs would then make a final decision.

--The Provost reported, too, that a new Modified Duties policy is almost complete and should be ready for the October Faculty Senate meeting.

--With respect to concerns over the H1N1 flu, the Provost reported that 85-90 students at the College and one faculty member have or are suspected of having this flu. However, so far those afflicted have recovered fairly quickly, within 48 to 72 hours.

--The motion to change the size and composition of the Faculty Senate was sent to the Committee on By-Laws and the FAM for review, as required by the by-laws.

--The motion to adopt a new Instructor/Course Evaluation form is pending. Debate on this motion will resume at the October meeting.