

## Faculty Senate President's Report

November 20, 2024

The following report is a demonstrative summary of some of the activities undertaken by the Faculty Senate President as well as various members of the Executive Committee from October 16<sup>th</sup>, to the middle of November, 2024.

If there are questions on any point, please feel free to reach out any time. Thank you.

### **Introduction:**

### **Key Initiatives/Accomplishments/Events:**

1. Strategic Planning Faculty Priorities –
  - a. Institutional Planning and Assessment Committee (IPAC) next meeting – Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> (Faculty Senate members – Donna Streeter, Sean Walker, Christina Wassenaar)
  - b. The result of the meeting in October was that a subcommittee was formed to draft an initial version of faculty focused strategic priorities for consideration. The format would be a main bullet/statement, which would

3. Inversion/Compression/Equity – In the previous report, I noted that cost modeling for three scenarios would take place over the month of October that would be released to the Salary and Benefits committee and ExComm. At the November President’s Council meeting it was shared that this modeling is almost complete and the results will be shared soon. We will follow up on this in a separate meeting and share that with the Salaries & Benefits Committee for dissemination to the Senate.
4. Professional Development (PD) Nominations for Chair development – Seven people were either self-nominated or thrown into the ring by colleagues for this committee. These names have all been shared with AA and have been informed of their nomination (if they were not aware). The next step is the development of a draft charge for this committee to help guide the work. Additionally, as many of you know, the Council of Chairs Committee has been reconstituted with Ellen Harrington (English/A&S) as chair. The first meeting for that group will take place on Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:30.
5. The proposal was made in the October plenary related to the addition to the bylaws to include Zoom augmented plenary meetings in December, June and July of each year. These meetings would only occur as needed for timely votes but would not be considered standing meetings. The vote for this change will take place on Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>. Administration has been notified of this pending change and the agenda item needed for the change to the “Exchange document” created in 2019 that encourages timely exchanges between Fotes



developed 'in-house' that would effectively support the chairs in their roles, which in turn, would allow for the faculty who are in each department to benefit from a consistent application of Handbook and University policies. This was accepted, and the process has begun for developing curriculum topics. The ILC will be the main developer of the materials, but we have asked to have 3/4 faculty members as part of the development committee which has also been accepted.

**Administrative Updates:**

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