

Faculty Meeting – 10/13/2014  
Faculty Senate Chair Report  
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- We only had one senate meeting since our last faculty meeting. During that meeting we approved charges for 2 more standing committees. We have now completed charges for 8 out of 9 committees.
- We approved a few charges to the PSC, including looking into possible evaluation guidelines for digital scholarship, clarify questions about the implementation of electronic files on Moodle, and review the policy regarding the submission of outside letters for departmental review.
- We have deferred discussion of a possible charge to the ASC to look into ways of improving on the course schedule. This charge was deferred from last year, as the committee was not able to get the relevant information from the Registrar's due to the PeopleSoft transition. The senate will discuss the issue again at our next meeting and perhaps create an ad hoc committee to look into the class schedule. If this is an issue that interests you, you may want to approach a member of the senate.
- Also among the issues that we are hoping to discuss at our next meeting are possible charges to the Student Life and the Professional Standards committees regarding freedom of expression on campus. This is in response to the discussion at the last faculty meeting.
- As you all know, a Faculty Compensation Task Force was formed and has started meeting with Frank Casagrande, the salary consultant. As the meetings of the task force go forward throughout the year, I continue to emphasize the importance of transparency throughout the process as well as back and forth conversation with the faculty (not just a report at the end when everything has been decided by the members of the task force.) I have asked the members of the Faculty Salary Committee, in particular, to keep the senate updated on what is happening in the task force and to make efforts to maintain a dialogue with the faculty about what is happening in the task force.
- We will be discussing in more depth the results of the faculty governance survey later today but I wanted to add more generally, that the senate welcomes suggestions of topics that faculty would like us to pursue at any time throughout the year. As always, you can also submit agenda items for

faculty meetings. The listserv has also been a resource in letting the senate know of issues of faculty concern. I want to encourage everyone to take advantage of these ways of communicating with the senate and the faculty as a whole as issues of concern come up throughout the year.