WELCOME TO NOVEMBER 5, 2012 MEETING UD FACULTY SENATE

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- 3. When a Senator is recognized, please identify yourself (name and department).
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Members:

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Katherin Rogers (vice president)

Anu Sivaraman (secretary)

Charles Mason (parliamentarian)

Hans-Joerg Busch (chair of COCAN)

AGENDA

- Amend agenda:
 hold Resolution a under Unfinished Business;
 and Resolutions d, e, and f under New Business
 both pending hearing before Rules Committee
- 2. Adopt agenda as amended
- 3. Approval of the Minutes of October 1 meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS: TRACKING MATTERS IN COMMITTEES

- 1. Resolution concerning 6/10 rule was withdrawn by the maker, Senator James Morrison.
- 2. Resolution from P&T Committee concerning the addition of two new members to P&T Committee was withdrawn.
- 3. Ad Hoc Committee on RBB, chaired by Senator Morrison, has been meeting regularly. Progress report in spring.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: MATTERS BEFORE SENATE

COCAN Announcement:

Hans-Joerg Busch, chair

SENATE RESOLUTION (spring 2012):

requires 65 days of instruction for fall semester

Solution to Hurricane Sandy:

Thursday, December 6 is makeup for Monday classes.

Friday, December 7 is reading day

Saturday, December 8 is first day of finals

Sunday, December 9 is reading day

ANNOUNCEMENTS: MATTERS BEFORE SENATE

Relevant UD Documents for Today's Discussion:

- University Board of Trustees Bylaws: authorizes Senate to adopt, amend its own bylaws
- Constitution of the Faculty: sets up Senate, offices, committees, etc.
- Bylaws of the Senate: our governing document
- rules and procedures of the Senate:
 follow Robert's Rules plus our rules and procedures
- 5. Faculty Handbook: faculty document? joint document?

- 1. New Faculty Handbook now online: includes all that was approved by Senate last academic year.
- 2. 3-3-3 Committee: revisions & corrections to Faculty Handbook dealing with P&T. New numbering system and benefits moved to HR website. Will come to Rules Committee, P&T Committee, and Executive Committee. Goal is to include on agenda for December 3 meeting.

- 3. Codify the "Rules and Regulations of the Faculty Senate." Collect all rules and resolutions adopted by the Senate in the past. Give link on Senate homepage to document.
- 4. Issue of smoking on campus: discussion of Student Government Association proposal on smoke-free campus?

5. Faculty Governance in the Colleges:

UD Faculty Constitution provides for faculty governance in the colleges. How to organize faculty in the various colleges? Only CAS has its own college faculty senate. Agriculture and Natural Resources has an executive council. Any faculty organization in other colleges? No tradition in Lerner College; no forum for faculty to discuss issues or Senators to report on issues in FS.

Progress: Senators from Lerner College have been meeting to discuss issues relevant to faculty in the college. Plan to organize a meeting of faculty to inform and listen. Lerner bylaws already provides for "Committee of the Senate."

Other colleges?

6. Promotion and Tenure:

Need to address confusion resulting from creation of a new class of faculty (CNTT). Last year, rejected revising the Faculty Handbook to conform with Article 11.5 of the CBA. Revisions to the latter ongoing; wait until contract negotiations. Time for Senate to exercise its duty to establish standards for P&T that are fair to all faculty and promote the mission of the University– which requires excellence in research and teaching.

6. Promotion and Tenure:

Two approaches: comprehensive versus strategic

Complete rewriting of P&T provisions in Handbook, with participation of Provost, ad hoc committee, etc. or

Put forth 5 or 6 reforms to improve P&T process; to P&T, Rules, and Executive Committees; with the support of the Provost; open hearing and Senate for discussion next spring semester.

Raised last meeting: How to deal with matters raised under "Introduction of New Business"?

UD Faculty Constitution, Section IV, article 9:

"No motion introduced under new business, except a motion to refer to committee, shall be acted upon until the next meeting of the Senate."

Current interpretation:

If a motion (beyond a comment or observation) is made under "Introduction of New Business," then:

The Senate votes to either: (i) refer that motion to the Executive committee to determine the proper referral committee, (ii) refer the motion to a particular committee, or (iii) not to refer the motion to a committee, which means the motion is dead (e.g., a majority of the Senate decided that the issue is not appropriate for Senate consideration).

Senate has the right to refer a motion made under "new business" to committee or reject it.

Problem:

"Introduction of New Business" comes up at end of meeting, when everyone is looking to adjourn.

Often not enough time for adequate consideration.

Proposed new rule:

Motions made under "Introduction of New Business" will be considered for referral to committee if time permits. If, however, the presiding officer determines that there is not adequate time for reasonable discussion, then the matter will be held for discussion and consideration at the next regular meeting of the Faculty Senate under "Unfinished Business."

REQUESTS

Senators should serve on at least one committee. Think about serving next year or if we need someone this year.

Encourage colleagues to become involved in the Faculty Senate and its committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Reminder:

Next meeting of the Faculty Senate is on Monday, December 3, 2012.

Motion to adjourn? Second?