

In the Faculty Senate

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A Brief Report to SE Faculty

- **University Budget:** The Faculty Senate's Budget Committee met with Vice President for Business Affairs Walkup to review the university budget. They have also received the most recent CUPA salary data and will begin their comparative analysis. A new five-year compensation plan is under review for implementation, possibly as early as the 2015-16 fiscal year.
- **Faculty Senate Awards Nominations:** The Planning Committee announced that the link for nominations for Faculty Senate Awards is now live. All faculty and students are encouraged to submit their nominations for these annual awards through **March 6**.
- **Scholarly Brown Bag Lunch:** The next Scholarly Brown Bag Lunch is scheduled for Thursday, March 12 at 12:30 p.m. Please look for details in your inbox soon.
- **Academic Visioning:** The Faculty Senate Executive Committee will participate this spring as an Advisory Group in the process to develop an Academic Mission & Vision for the university. Other key segments of the academic administration and faculty will also participate as the Steering Team. Five meetings are scheduled through the end of the spring term.
- **Meeting with President Burrage:** The Executive Committee met recently with the President. Topics discussed included the university's mission and direction; recruitment and enrollment; and a proposal on how adjuncts' salaries might be increased. University Marketing will be the topic of the next Shared Governance Forum.
- **Tenure & Promotion Procedure:** The Personnel Policies Committee sought and received Faculty Senate's support for proposed changes to the Tenure & Promotion policy to clarify procedures for recusals from, and external input to, departmental T&P review committees.
- **Committee Appointments:** A nomination was made to fill a vacancy for the remainder of the academic year on the Institutional Assessment Committee.
- **Academic Oversight:** The Faculty Senate discussed the need for and possible locus of academic oversight for cross-disciplinary courses and programs. The General Education Council, the Academic Council and Graduate Council were the three bodies mentioned in this regard.

Full- and part-time faculty members are always invited and welcome to attend meetings of the Faculty Senate. The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be on **March 11** at 3:00 p.m., General Classroom Building 118. Please visit the [Faculty Senate website](#) for detailed information concerning *your* representative body!

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