

IN THE FACULTY SENATE

Wednesday, October 22, 2014

A Brief Report to SE Faculty

- **Faculty Senate Finances:** The Treasurer provided a summary of how Faculty Senate is financed and how the funds have been spent.
- **Adjunct Senate Representation:** A proposal to include a seat on Faculty Senate for adjuncts was discussed. Technical and logistic difficulties make that impractical. Adjunct faculty are invited to visit Faculty Senate at any time, and the **University Affairs Committee of Faculty Senate is officially charged with addressing adjunct issues and concerns.**
- **Brown Bag Lunches:** The next Brown Bag Lunch, sponsored by University Affairs Committee, will be in November; the exact date will be announced soon.
- **Committee Appointments:** An appointment was made to fill a vacancy on the Honors Committee.
- **Policies & Procedures:** The Personnel Policies Committee (PPC) is working to establish norms for applying the Family Medical Leave Act uniformly across campus. PPC is also looking into proposals to simplify travel reimbursements, encumbrances, and other expenses. The Faculty Senate learned that Academic Council is also working on the latter.
- **Shared Governance Forum:** 24 people attended the Forum with the President on adjunct issues on Monday, October 13. The Senate deemed it a good presentation but discussed holding the Spring Forums at a different time to enable more faculty to attend, but no vote was taken on that item.
- **Brief Report Established:** The Faculty Senate voted to enhance communication with the faculty by sending a summary report of its activities no later than the Monday following every scheduled Faculty Senate meeting. This is the first of the Brief Reports. We hope you find it useful and informative.

We invite and encourage faculty to express your issues and concerns to your Faculty Senator and to visit Faculty Senate meetings at any time.

The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be on Wednesday, November 5th, at 3:00 p.m., Classroom Building 118. Please visit the [Faculty Senate website](#) for detailed information concerning *your* representative body!

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