University Senate Governance & Communication Committee

Report to the Senate March 13, 2014

1. The G&C Committee met on Tuesday, March 11, 2014. We presently have four subcommittees working issues.
   a. The Bylaws and Statutes Review Committee (chair: Emam Hoosain, COE) will work up a timeline for the review, required in both cases to be complete by the end of the upcoming fall semester. Our committee is tasked by the Statutes with their review, and we will work with the Vice Chair, who is tasked by the Bylaws to conduct their review.
   b. The Intrafaculty Communications Subcommittee (chair: Walter Moore, MCG) is tasked with working with the Provost’s Office and IT, to come up with an understandable way for faculty to send email notifications to “all” faculty; this means for both “Official” and “Unofficial” emails, and to both “Full Time Faculty” and “Part Time Faculty” (put together they would constitute “All Faculty”). Likely the answer will be in those four separate categories.
   c. The Nomination and Election Subcommittee (chaired by Mariana D’Amico, CoAH) is working with the ExComm to find out what process they want to put in place, including a timeline, to solicit nominations for filling University-wide offices this semester: Vice Chair plus at-large Senators. (Has the ExComm decided?)
   d. The Policy Review Subcommittee (chaired by Robert Scott, CoSM) has met with the University’s Policy Review Group three times this semester. The minutes of those meetings, when promulgated, will show what new Policies have been approved; a copy will be provided to Cathy Weppler for appropriate posting so the Senate can review the list.

2. We also considered the status of the GRU representation to the USG Faculty Council. At present, their Bylaws say that officers of the USGFC must have been members for at least one year, but our representative (the Senate Vice Chair) changes every year. Unless we change something, GRU can never have representation at the leadership level of the USGFC. We recommend the Senate ExComm look into alternative representation.

3. Our next meeting will be the week of April 14th.