GRU Governance and Communication Committee Report to the Senate

Date: 4 November 2013 (Monday)
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: EC-1222, Health Sciences Building

- “Responsibilities of University Senate Committee Chairs” Initiative
  - Separately briefed earlier in meeting.
  - Guidelines developed over summer by Committee, modified since last Senate meeting.
  - Committee recommends formal approval by Senate, to be in effect until included in next required biennial review/update of Bylaws.

- Status: Faculty Evaluation of Administrators (Evaluation of Administrators Subcommittee)
  - Separately briefed earlier in meeting by Human Resources and Institutional Effectiveness.
  - Committee recommends Senate formally approve proposed process.

- “GRU Policies” Initiative
  - “Proposed University Senate Process for Faculty Input on University Policies” updated to include summer contingency plan as requested in last month’s Senate.
  - Approval obtained from GRU Legal Services.
  - CERM agrees with recommended action.
  - Committee recommends formal Senate approval, for the above proposal to be placed in effect pending inclusion in next revisions to GRU Policies 12.3.1 and 12.3.3.

- Publicizing Election Results
  - Alternatives discussed with University Senate Executive Committee following recent Bylaws Amendment vote.
  - Committee recommends that results of all Faculty Elections (including elections conducted as Surveys) be announced to the Faculty by the close of business one workday following the day the election ends, and that those results include the percentage of the votes cast for the winner in elections, and percentage voting for/against for Amendment and similar surveys.
  - Committee recommends formal Senate approval of this process, pending inclusion in the next required biennial review/update of Bylaws.

- The GRU Statutes require a biennial review by the Committee, and the GRU University Senate Bylaws require a biannual review by an Ad Hoc committee chaired by the Vice Chair of the Senate.
  - The Committee will be proposing a process to effect these reviews, starting in Spring Semester 2014.