

Senate Council Advance
August 5, 2011

Senate Council & Senate Goals from Last Year (2010-2011)

- 1. Improve the effectiveness of the Senate meetings.**
 - a. Modify the agenda to more closely resemble that described in “Robert’s Rules” and currently used by other campuses.
 - b. Include reports from officers, trustees and committee chairs.
- 2. Improve communication between Senators and Home Departments/Colleges.**
 - a. Develop a Senate listserv and keep Senators updated on ongoing issues.
 - b. Encourage Senators to establish a mechanism to communicate with their college constituencies.
- 3. Reinvigorate Senate Committees.**
 - a. In addition to the long-standing charges to Senate committees in the Senate rules, committees will be charged with specific and timely tasks. Committee chairs will report back to the Senate.
 - b. SC Chair will send the Senate a memo regarding these committees, their tasks and the Provost’s agenda.
- 4. Examine committee structure to ensure that they appropriately meet the needs of the faculty.**
 - a. Consider whether committees should be merged to form an “Enrollment Management Advisory Committee.
 - b. Consider formation of a “Grievance” Committee.
- 5. Establish specific goals for the University Senate.**
 - a. Goal #1: Successfully implement a revised General Education.
 - b. Goal #2: Take ownership of the faculty responsibilities to the University, in part through charging Senate committees with relevant goals (and ensuring follow through).
 - c. Goal #3: Plan for an inaugural “State of Affairs from the Faculty” address to be presented April 11, 2011.