

Senate Council Informal Discussion Notes
March 14, 2005

The Chair thanked the various Senate Council members present for being willing to meet during Spring Break. He noted that no motions or actions would be taken, given the fact that a formal meeting was not taking place.

The Chair said he anticipated the interim Provost to be named sometime during the following week. The Senate Council members discussed the suggested names for interim Provost as circulated via the listserv and asked the Chair to forward those names-- along with the explanation on the basis of its understanding of the unfolding process by which the President would make the appointment of an Acting Provost, the Senate Council decided that it would not by vote or consensus seek to endorse as a body any individual person, but rather that individual members of the Senate Council were free to provide to the Senate Council Chair the names of persons whom the individual Senate Council member felt the President ought to consider.

The Chair broached the issue of the impending closure of the Computer Store and asked in what direction the faculty could or should go regarding this matter. After extensive discussion it was suggested that Gene Williams and Frank Butler be invited to a Senate Council meeting to discuss plans for the transition of responsibilities and services from Computer Store to Gene Williams' area. It was suggested that conversation should focus on how services will continue to be provided in relationship to the academic mission of faculty and students. It was also noted that it is within the Senate's purview, through the Institutional Finance and Resource Allocation Committee, to advise the President on fiscal matters when they affect educational objectives.

Members present: Cibull, Dembo, Duke, Grossman, Jones, Lesnaw, Tagavi, Thelin, Yanarella.

Prepared by Rebecca Scott on March 15, 2005.