

Report to the Senate

Gerald R. Spittler, member
Commencement Committee

No items were referred to the Commencement Committee for action, advice, or information. As a result, no meetings were held, no actions were generated.

Naming University Facilities Committee

Submitted by Lilly Boruszkowski- Committee Member

- 1) Committee meets as necessary
- 2) Committee Chair is David Carlson
- 3) Committee has completed all business
- 4) No issues/concerns at this time

Sincerely,

Lilly Ann Boruszkowski

To: Faculty Senate

I began my tenure on the Classroom Upgrades Committee during the fall of 2006. The committee met approximately once a month in the fall semester to consider classroom upgrade requests. The requests came from multiple sources and changes to general use space are fully funded by the initiative whereas changes to special use space (e.g., department-controlled) are cost-shared. The committee includes three faculty representatives and numerous members from the organizations that actually do most of the work (e.g., IT, Physical Plant). My experiences were uniformly positive during the fall semester and decisions were consistent with my perceived priorities.

The biggest issue arose in the spring semester when the committee's work was put on hold by upper administration. We were already operating on a reduced budget relative to earlier years, and the remaining budget was frozen part way through my tenure. Thus, we held no meetings during the spring of 2007 and the future of this committee is uncertain. I think we should all be justifiably concerned that investments in the university's infrastructure are again taking a backseat. Given the importance of increasing enrollment, creating better classroom experiences for students is critical. When students must take classes in rooms with antiquated equipment, poor lighting, leaks, and generally poor aesthetics, this reflects badly on our beloved institution.

I encourage the Senate to support the continued operation of this committee. An upgrade to a single, general use classroom that seats 80-100 students has an impact that reaches far beyond a single course or instructor. Even those classrooms that are usually used by a single department can provide a significant impact on the student body and often affect the teaching quality of five to ten faculty within the department. This committee needs to be fully funded and continue its work for at least 3 to 5 more years.

Cheers,

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April 26, 2007

Ramanarayanan Viswanathan
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Dear President Viswanathan:

As requested, here is my report on the Dining Services Advisory Committee:

Report

Faculty Senate Representative, Dining Services Advisory Committee

As far as I can tell, this committee has not met in 2006-2007. If it has, I have not been contacted regarding any meeting times.

Sincerely,

James E. Duggan



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April 24, 2007

David Worrells, President
Faculty Senate
Campus

Re: Honorary Degree and Distinguished Service Award Committee

Dear Professor Worrells.

The Honorary Degree and Distinguished Service Award Committee met twice during the 2006-2007 school year. The first meeting was held on Tuesday, September 26, 2006. Dean Gary Minish was unanimously re-elected as the Chair of the committee. Nominees' packets were available for committee members to review and evaluate after October 23rd. The honorary degree and service award recipients were selected by unanimous votes at the 2nd meeting which was held on Tuesday, November 8, 2006.

Sincerely,

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**Undergraduate Assistantship Committee Report to Faculty Senate
May 2, 2007**

The committee meets in the spring to allocate funds for undergraduate assistantships. The current chair is Terri Harfst. The committee met 3 times. The first was an organizational meeting to discuss procedures and criteria. Committee members each spent 20-25 hours reviewing and rating the applications. We met two more times for approximately 2 hours each, to discuss applications and make final decisions on funding.

The committee recognizes a need to make the application form more user friendly. Now that the assistantship has been offered for several years, the number of applications has grown, making it much more competitive. Therefore, I would also recommend that applications be limited to one per person to make the process fairer and distribute funds more equitably.

Below is a breakdown of applications and funding by college.

	Number of Applications Submitted	Number of Positions Requested	Number of Applications Approved	Number of Positions Approved	Funding for Positions Approved
Areas Reporting To:					
President's Office	0	0	0	0	\$0.00
Chancellor's Office	1	1	1	1	\$4,702.71
- Director of Finance	3	13	3	7	\$39,189.25
- Director of Administration	10	13	7	7	\$34,486.54
-University Communications	0	0	0	0	\$0.00
Provost and Vice Chancellor	6	6	3	3	\$17,243.27
- College of Agricultural Sciences	14	16	7	7	\$39,189.25
- College of Applied Sciences and Arts	17	20	10	11	\$50,162.24
- College of Business and Administration	16	26	4	7	\$37,621.68
- College of Education and Human Services	14	26	7	11	\$34,486.54
- College of Engineering	11	23	7	9	\$40,756.82
- College of Liberal Arts	55	74	26	32	\$137,946.16
- College of Mass Communication and Media Arts	13	15	8	8	\$48,594.67
- College of Science	44	55	32	35	\$156,757.00
- School of Medicine	6	9	5	6	\$29,783.83
- Library Affairs	3	3	3	3	\$18,810.84
VC for Institutional Advancement	0	0	0	0	\$0.00
VC for Research	5	5	1	1	\$3,135.14
VC for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management	18	22	8	11	\$50,162.24
Intercollegiate Athletics	1	1	1	1	\$6,270.28
Totals	237	328	133	160	\$749,298.46

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