

Appendix 1 to the Faculty Senate Minutes of December 14, 2010

President's Report for Faculty Senate December 2010

Namaste, Hello from India. I am sorry to miss the December Senate meeting. I believe this is first senate meeting I am missing in the last five and half years.

On behalf of the Faculty Senate, I would like to thank Provost Rice for his service to the University. It was pleasure working with him. We did not agree on all issues, however, he always kept his cool. I would like to wish him the best at his new assignment.

I am also pleased to welcome our New Provost to the Senate. Provost Minish, thanks for agreeing to lead our university. The Senate is committed to work with you in moving the University forward and strengthening our academic mission. I know Provost Minish is committed to open communication and shared governance.

I would also to like thank Dean Vish for providing invaluable leadership and helping the college of engineering during difficult times. The college accomplished many important milestones under his leadership, including full accreditation for all programs in the college for the first time. It is unfortunate for the college and the university that he had to resign. However, I understand his reasons. I have expressed concerns of the college faculty about the Engineering Deanship and dean search to the Chancellor and Provost. There is an immediate need to establish proper chain of command and clear communication channel. Chancellor Cheng and Provost Minish have expressed strong commitment to work with the college faculty to restore stability and appoint strong leader who has confidence of the college faculty.

In the last Senate meeting I expressed concern about the document provided by the Provost office showing anticipated number of faculty in various colleges in 2011-12. At my request, the Provost office provided more detailed data used to calculate the anticipated number of Faculty. I have shared the data and revised information with you. I believe anticipated number of faculty should be estimated in consultation with the Deans by using actual number of separations expected in the coming year instead of using average of the historical data. I have requested the Provost to consider this suggestion.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a wonderful Holiday Season, blessed Christmas and Hanukkah, and successful, productive, and prosperous New Year. See you all at the next Senate meeting.

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