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SUBJECT: Two presentations scheduled for upcoming senate meeting
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DIGITAL SCHOLARSHIP, GEN ED WEBSITE TO BE DISCUSSED BY SENATE

A presentation about the Faculty Senate’s work on the impact and implications of digital scholarship on the University community will open the senate’s April 23 meeting. Questions and a discussion will follow the presentation. A final report of the ad hoc committee organized in October to study this issue is scheduled to be presented at a senate meeting in May.

Jay Schafer, director of Libraries, Bruce Wilcox, director of the University Press, Marilyn Billings, scholarly communication and special initiatives librarian, Brian Ogilvie, associate professor of History, and Stuart Shulman, associate professor of Political Science, will make the presentation.

A second group is scheduled speak, outlining the campus’s new General Education Website. Emily Cachiguango, graduate student in Student Development and Pupil Personnel Services, Martha Baker, associate dean of Natural Resources and the Environment, Wilmore Webley, assistant professor of Microbiology, and Stephen Gencarella, assistant professor of Communication, will present features of the site, field questions and lead a discussion.

In other business, the senate will consider program and curriculum revisions, as well as several academic calendars and the University’s principal administrative officers will offer updates on their areas of responsibility and take questions from the audience.

The meeting is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. in Room 227 Herter Hall and is open to the public.

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