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SUBJECT: Upcoming Faculty Senate Meeting, October 14, 2010, 3:30 p.m., Herter Hall 227
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- Presentation by Jim Kurose, Executive Associate Dean of the College of Natural Sciences and Senior Faculty Advisor for Research and Engagement
  “High Performance Computing Center”
  The Presentation will discuss the background, motivation, and goals—as well as current and planned activity—of the Massachusetts Green High Performance Computing Service, a unique collaboration among five universities, the Commonwealth, and industry partners.
  (Questions and Discussion to follow)

- Presentation by Jean Kim, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Campus Life
  “Transformational Transitions: First Year Experience Program”
  The Presentation is an overview of the rationales for focusing on the improvement of the first year experience, presenting a framework for first year success being implemented at the University as well as some of the best practices among similar universities as well as an update on new programs for AY 2011-12 and profiles of first year students.
  (Questions and Discussion to follow)

- 2009-2010 Annual Report of the Program and Budget Council
  (Julie Hayes, Chair)

- 2009-2010 Annual Report of the Student Affairs and University Life Council
  (Carolyn Cave, Chair)

- Special Report of the General Education Council concerning A Recommended General Education Designation for EDUC 202
  (Maurianne Adams, Chair)

- Special Report of the Committee on Committees concerning Nominations to the Academic Honesty Board
  (Arthur Kinney, Chair)

- Approval of new courses by the Academic Matters and Graduate Councils
  (John Jenkins and Linda Shea, Chairs, respectively)

Remarks by the Secretary of the Faculty Senate and other administrative officers and leaders of other campus governance units (Questions).