The 756th meeting of the Faculty Senate will feature a presentation, followed by the usual announcements and question period, and then take up several items of new business.

**Presentation on the Academic Personnel Workflow System**

Vice Provost John Bryan will explain the intended functions and design of the new online academic personnel system, and bring us up to date on how it is developing. As many staff and faculty know, the system has featured the usual run of start-up glitches that plague any new online system. The interval for questions following the presentation will afford senators an opportunity to seek clarification and provide additional feedback on the system’s functioning.

**New Business: Course Approvals**

All of the courses being presented to the full Faculty Senate for approval are being recommended by one Council, Academic Matters, so they have been consolidated into a single motion rather than into a consent agenda. Even in the framework of a single motion, any Senator to request that a course be separated out for individual discussion and consideration. It would be helpful if anyone desiring separate discussion of a particular course notifies the Senate Office before the meeting, but this is not required.

**New Business: Policy and Procedures concerning Academic Honesty**

The Academic Matters and Graduate Councils are presenting revisions to the procedural aspects of the Academic Honesty Policy. These revisions are coming to the Faculty Senate today, even though the Graduate Council has indicated that some substantive aspects of the policy need elaboration to adequately address all of the academic honesty questions that can arise in graduate programs, and has appointed a special subcommittee to work on the matter. The Graduate Council recognizes the need to move forward with the amendments related to procedure, and has joined the Academic Matters Council in recommending that they be adopted now because they codify changes in procedure regarding formal academic honesty hearings. The changes transfer responsibility for managing the hearing process from the Ombuds Office to the Provost’s Office, thereby aligning with current national practice among university ombuds offices should be involved only in conflict resolution, and not in running any formal dispute resolution processes. This separation will align the campus with the strong national consensus that ombuds offices should not undertake any activities that would detract, even only in appearance, from the position of neutrality as among parties that is essential to its credibility in working out informal solutions to conflicts.
New Business: Redistricting

The Rules Committee is recommending a redistricting to acknowledge creation of the new College of Computer and Information Sciences and to address growth in the number of eligible voters that has taken certain districts beyond the maximum size permitted in the bylaws. Senators have already seen the proposal, distributed on February 29th in a more detailed version comparing the current districts to the proposed districts. The Rules Committee is recommending adoption of the new districts at this meeting so that the 2016 regular elections to the Faculty Senate can be conducted according to the new districting. As indicated in the Rules Committee’s report, no serving senator whose term expires in 2017 or 2018 will be required to resign because of redistricting. The Faculty Senate tradition of bringing any over-represented districts into conformity with a new districting over time will again prevail as we continue to acknowledge the value of colleagues’ willingness to serve in the Faculty Senate.

New Business: Certificate in Medical Humanities

The Academic Priorities, Graduate, and Program and Budget Councils are jointly recommending approval of a Certificate in Medical Humanities. It is intended to encourage undergraduates to make the stronger connections between humanities and health-related sciences in line with growing appreciation around the country that the fruits of humanistic learning can enrich medical practice.

New Business: Dual Masters Program in Regional Planning and Sustainability Science

The Academic Priorities, Graduate, and Program and Budget Councils are recommending this new program, which will encourage students to pursue a program preparing them to become leaders in efforts to incorporate ecological sustainability into regional planning.

New Business: new Concentration in the Master in Business Administration, focusing on Business Analytics

The Graduate Council recommends approval of this concentration, which will allow students to pursue a new concentration within the MBA allowing them to become highly proficient in assembling and analyzing "big data," giving them skills which are becoming more important in the business community.

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