

Senate Chairs Report  
October 28, 2014

### **Senate Chair Noah Zerbe**

First off, thank you to Julie Alderson for chairing the last Senate meeting in my absence. I received numerous updates that she did a fantastic job, and I appreciate her leadership on the Senate.

At the request of the Senate Executive, I drafted a letter to ASCSU Chair Steven Filling regarding Student Success Fees well received. The letter was distributed to ASCSU Senators, Members of the Board of Trustees, and other campus Senates. A copy of the letter is included in the packet this week.

My absence as the Senate meeting last week was due to my required attendance at the system's Graduation Initiative 2025 meeting in Long Beach. President Rossbacher, Provost Zorn, and Associate Vice President Lakhani also attended the meeting. At the meeting we were provided with our 2025 graduation and retention goals. A copy of those goals are included in the packet this week.

Finally, the strategic planning task force has met with the task force co-chairs, and the process is moving forward. The website will launch on Monday, and we anticipate that the campus open forums will begin soon. Please encourage your colleagues and constituents to offer their input and engage in the process.

### **URPC - Erick Eschker**

"URPC met Friday, October 17. We set the upcoming calendar and reviewed enrollment data and trends. Fall tuition revenue is right on track with expectations. We began discussing a template to report back to URPC on the effectiveness of prior year allocations. We discussed various ways to form a sustainable budget that maintains HSU reserves. Ideas included raising revenue through the mix of student enrollments and identifying ways to reduce costs. We will implement a campus-wide "suggestion box" for ways to generate efficiencies and reduce costs. "

"Statewide Senate meets November 5-7 for its Plenary, and the Academic Conference is the following week. There is a new force from the Chancellor's Office that will be reviewing the current approach to budget and finance and proposing a sustainable plan for the future. Task force members include the ASCSU Chair and the Faculty Trustee."

### **Constitution & Bylaws Committee: Report for October 28, 2014, Senate Meeting/ Prepared by Richard Bruce, Chair, Constitution & Bylaws**

**Committee Membership: Richard Bruce (chair), Jeff Abell, Jeremy Shellhase, Steve Tillinghast, Student Member TBD, Faculty Member TBD**

**Oct 22:**

**Bruce (chair), Abell, Shellhase, Tillinghast**

- **Finalized resolution to amend *Constitution* on term of ex officio past chair serving on Senate to one year**
- **Finalized resolution to *Bylaws* (grammar, typos, correctness)**
- **Discussed (per parliamentary recommendations) creating resolutions to require: 1) a roll call vote for resolutions and 2) report election results with election numbers (not simply names and positions).**

**Agenda for Oct 29 in NHE 118 at 4pm:**

- **Review resolutions on roll call votes and reporting election result**

## **ICC Report for Senate: Cindy Moyer**

The ICC continues to work on approving Curriculum Proposals.

Also the Academic Master Planning Subcommittee is working on revisions to the PREP process.

## **Faculty Affairs Report for 10/28 Senate Meeting - Julia Alderson**

The Faculty Affairs Committee did not meet last week.

For the November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting will be discussing a revised draft of the University IP policy which will reflect information gathered to date from other CSUs, from the American Association of University Professors, and in light of the new Collective Bargaining Agreement.

A draft of the proposed course evaluation tool will be prepared in advance of the November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting as well.

FAC is working on the upcoming implementation of Fall 2014 online course evaluations. Concern about response rates continues to be an issue. We are working to increase response rates via increased advertising and direct appeals to faculty to encourage student participation. We are exploring ideas to make participation mandatory in some way.

We are also working on how best to report information on the evaluation process (i.e. moving this into the purview of Institutional Research).