University Senate Chair Report/Notes
October 3, 2016

1. **Website**:
    a. September actions posted (issue of whether to wait for response or post immediately; danger of confusing people about what has been endorsed)
    b. Have begun backtracking & posting old actions.
    c. Added section on Presidential Search
        i. Thanks to Regent Burch and Professors Crowder and McKerral for tracking down information.

2. **Meeting length**. Advisory reports and chair report to be written and posted. Possibly reorder Senate meetings and put advisory committee reports later, possibly after new business. Possibly limit discussion time, limit # of questions per senator, and forbid redundancy in questions.

3. **Delayed business**: Quorum called at September Senate which delayed the vote on the motion made at August SEC regarding incorporating more inclusive language in the non-discrimination policy. That issue will appear as an item of business at October Senate. See relevant documents posted in Information.

4. **Guest**: Title IX committee member, Andrea Anderson, will be attending October Senate.

5. **UAC**: University Athletic Committee candidate. Colleges have representatives on the committee. When a committee member's term expires, the dean of their college is notified and s/he identifies a new candidate. Once the Senate chair informs Senate of the candidate, the chair notifies President Ransdell, and he will make final determination.

    CHHS candidate = Kerri Esslinger

6. **Prior motion**. Motion from May 2016 SEC:
    Motion requesting that the 2016-17 University Senate examine the Senate Charter and come up with a formula so that each college and the libraries have at least one senator per standing committee of University Senate.

    How would we like to address this? In addition, charter changes are time-consuming (two-readings) and we might consider some other edits and/or changes.

7. **SITEs**. A faculty member e-mailed and raised a concern about the efficacy and validity of SITEs and inquired if AQ might review the situation and consider making a recommendation that SITEs no longer be used for evaluation related to continuance, tenure, or promotion. See information item "Senate Recommendation 2016_04_07" for outcome of work by the Academic Quality Committee in 2015/16.

8. **Medical Center issue**Does SEC want to make some kind of motion or take other action on this matter?

9. **Presidential Search**. Does SEC want to make some kind of motion on the issue of open versus closed searches to be forwarded to the BOR?