AGENDA

- 1. Welcome
- 2. Approval of the minutes for the October 17, 2013 meeting.
- 3. Feedback to President Lewis regarding Community Meeting announcements/information.
- 4. Request received that Senate discuss Make a Wish Foundation for Odin
- 5. Faculty Handbook Doug
- 6. Adjourn

Next meeting: November 21, 2013

MINUTE APPROVAL – APPROVED

ADDITIONAL ITEM - FLEXIBLE SPENDING CHANGES

Concern that people may have plan to rollover money from this year which they would lose Still 8 months away from implementation

General preference for the \$500 rollover instead of the grace period

Possibility to e-mail to all faculty to make them aware of this option

Also question of where the money is going

FEEDBACK TO PRESIDENT LEWIS REGARDING COMMUNITY MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

Question of salary study committee, some people are under the impression that this has disappeared

Do we want to give an opinion about the academic calendar?

There is a sense that one of these two calendars will be implemented

Were students asked about this?

What about contract/load questions related to a change of calendar?

Bi-bloc is a major separation from existing academic calendars, will people be talking to these programs, what about the shrinking of our SEGS program which uses the bloc system Where's our retirement?

REQUEST RECEIVED THAT SENATE DISCUSS MAKE A WISH FOUNDAITON FOR ODIN

This has already been handled

FACULTY HANDBOOK UPDATE

Two items provided

Goal is present a version to the faculty at the February meeting

- 1. Review of the Constitution and By-Laws section.
- 2. Should faculty evaluations (including student evaluation of courses) be revisited, including consultation with FTPC? This would also include, potentially, revising/updating the forms used in these evaluations (FPAR, etc.). Consider the statement on faculty evaluation on page 27. This should also include details on the assessment responsibilities of Department Chairs and, where appropriate, Deans.

3. Should the Senate Chair be excused from serving on standing committees? Consider elected vs. appointed committees.

Many people think this should be happen for appointed, but not elected, unanimous yes

4. Should committee chairs serve a maximum of 4 consecutive terms?

Thoughts that 4 years is already too many

Issue of indirect coercion of chairs to remain in the position

Balance of entrenchment and institutional memory

Might be good reasons for 3

- 5. Should committee minutes be posted and, if so, where (access vs. FERPA issues)?
- 6. Consider a "modern" approach to office hours to include a mix of actual and virtual hours as well as reconsidering the "12-hour rule."
- 7. Should there be a uniform grading scale?
- 8. Should a faculty representative be involved in any proposal to cancel a faculty meeting?

ADJOURNMENT