

CHAIR'S REPORT
FACULTY SENATE
MARCH 12, 2009

1. BUDGET NEWS

- UP TO AN 11% INCREASE IN STATE SUPPORT FOR FY10 AND SMALL INCREASE IN FY 11
- DEPENDS UPON WHETHER GENERAL ASSEMBLY PASSES THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET WITH THIS PROPOSAL
- DUE TO CHANGE IN THE FORMULA WHICH NOW EMPHASIZES COURSES COMPLETED, RETENTION, AND GRADUATION INSTEAD OF JUST ENROLLMENTS.
- STILL ENCOURAGING "FISCAL PRUDENCE"
- AS FACULTY, WE NEED TO BE CAUTIOUS TO MAINTAIN QUALITY AS WE WORK TOWARD MAINTAINING AND CONTINUING TO INCREASE OUR COURSE COMPLETION, RETENTION, AND GRADUATION RATES.

2. SEMESTER CONVERSION

- OSU'S UNIVERSITY SENATE WILL BE VOTING ON THIS TODAY. THEIR PROPOSED CALENDAR IS TWO SEMESTERS WITH TWO 3 WEEK MINI-TERMS IN THE WINTER AND IN MAY.
- PROVOST PERZIGIAN HAS APPROVED A 14 WEEK CALENDAR FOR UC—INSTEAD OF THE 15 WEEK CALENDAR THAT WAS PUT FORWARD IN THE PLANNING DOCUMENT. WORK IS CURRENTLY BEING DONE REGARDING THE DETAILS OF THAT CALENDAR.
- THE SUBCOMMITTEES FOR OUR SEMESTER CONVERSION ARE PRESENTLY BEING POPULATED
 - ◆ WILL BE VOTING TODAY FOR SENATE REPRESENTATIVES
 - ◆ ADDITIONAL FACULTY WILL BE APPOINTED BY THE PROVOST'S OFFICE
 - ◆ PROVOST'S OFFICE APPOINTING FACULTY CO-CHAIRS

3. DAY AT THE STATE HOUSE

- TUESDAY, FEB. 17
- REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL OF THE 4 YEAR UNIVERSITIES
- DAN OERTHER AND I REPRESENTED THE FACULTY
- SEVERAL STUDENTS
- MET WITH SEVERAL LEGISLATORS PROMOTING HIGHER ED AS THE KEY TO IMPROVING THE ECONOMIC FUTURE OF THE STATE

4. ALL-UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEETING

- MAY 14, TANGEMAN 400 ABC, TENTATIVELY 2:00 (PRECEDING REGULAR SENATE MEETING)
- WILL BE VOTING ON SOME BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS

5. FACULTY AWARDS CELEBRATION

- MAY 21, 3-5

6. ALL-UNIVERSITY ELECTIONS

- REMINDER TO ENCOURAGE COLLEAGUES TO RUN
- NOMINATIONS SOON TO CLOSE, HOWEVER CAN PETITION (25 SIGNATURES) TO GET NAME ON THE BALLOT OR BE NOMINATED FROM THE FLOOR AT ALL-UNIVERSITY MTG

7. JOINT GOVERNANCE MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE, GRADUATE STUDENT GOV., AND UNDER-GRADUATE STUDENT GOV.

- TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 3-5
- MAINSTREET CINEMA
- DISCUSSIONS OF ISSUES OF COMMON CONCERN
- JOINT RESOLUTIONS