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Board of Control Meeting

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Issues on our Plate

- Blended Learning: Who owns the rights to the material?
- Refining Evaluation Procedures for Chairs and Deans, Senate to Run Evaluations
- Senate Evaluation
- Sabbatical Leave
- Giving input to BOC prior to decisions

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Blended Learning: Who owns the rights to the material?

- Senate is formulating a policy to specify who owns copyright for teaching materials.
- Trying to encourage blended learning to attract and retain students.
- Will have an interim policy in place by May.

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Refining Evaluation Procedures for Chairs and Deans

- Senate to conduct evaluations for each school or department to maintain confidentiality.

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Senate Evaluation

- Evaluation survey is complete.
- Senate is formulating responses to concerns outlined in the survey results.

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Sabbatical Leave

- Senate proposal passed allowing for more incentive for faculty to take 2-semester sabbatical leaves to enhance the benefit to the faculty and university.

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Agreement of all policies: BOC, Univ, Senate, and Handbook

- Procedure now in place to ensure harmony of policies.

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Held two university-wide Forums

1. Intellectual Property Related to Teaching Materials
2. University Finances

Giving input to BOC prior to decisions

- What is the best way for Senate and employees to give input to the BOC before decisions are made to let you know how we feel??

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External Concerns

How to position ourselves in light of:

1. Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC)
2. State funding in light of federal budget deficits
3. Some states mandating lowering cost to students.
4. Some states considering offering free community college tuition
5. Federal effort to reduce student debt.

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University Accreditation and Assessment

How can we assess ourselves and get accreditation in the most efficient way?

Currently many volunteer hours are used and its hard to get the buy-in from the faculty.

How can we get our salaries at least up to the national average??

We want to be one of the top universities in the nation, but this hurts us in retention.

Let's analyze what it would take.

Shared Governance

If the University is really to have shared governance, then the Senate needs to be viewed as a partner in decisions.

We have made some good progress on this issue this year but still have a ways to go.

The administration will need to continue to work with the senate, and the senate will need to step up and act in a deliberate , as well as deliberative, manner.

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