

For 3/22/2010 SEC Meeting

UNIVERSITY SENATE CHAIR'S REPORT – R. Michael Range, Chair

Spring Faculty Meeting. The meeting will be on Monday, April 19, 2010 at 3pm, with refreshments and informal conversations beginning at 2:30pm. The main agenda item is President Philip's report to the faculty.

GOV Chair Lifshin and Chair Range met with President Philip on March 8, 2010 to discuss the following items.

a) Revisions of Misconduct Policy. CERS has completed its review of revisions proposed by the CERS-GOV working group and plans to introduce the revised policy at the next senate meeting. Much of the current draft has been reviewed by the university counsel, but some items are still pending. The President agreed to urge counsel to complete his review in a timely manner.

b) Charter Amendments. The discussion confirmed differences in perspectives regarding the graduate course and IRCUAP amendments. President Philip is not willing to approve them, but he is aware of governance's reading of BOT Policies that stipulations in the bylaws or charter that do NOT involve consultation with the President do not require the President's approval. He has no objections that the relevant amendments approved by the senate be included in the charter, as long as it is understood that the President did NOT approve them. A resolution of the different interpretations of BOT policies will be deferred until the issue comes to the forefront with a specific proposal requiring application of either one of the amendments.

c) Review and Evaluation of Administrators. The rationale and merits for such an evaluation process were discussed with President Philip. The President summarized his concerns at the subsequent meeting of the Senate.

The Senate's discussion of the resolution on evaluation of administrators was terminated by a call for a quorum. The SEC will review the situation at the 3/22/2010 meeting and will consider possible revisions of the resolution in light of the Senate discussion.