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Faculty Senate Newsletter

Synopsis of the January 21, 2016 Faculty Senate Meeting

Of Particular Importance to *All* University Faculty

Note: There was a quorum at the January Senate meeting and the following policies and revisions that had been considered at previous meetings were officially approved by the Senate.

Tobacco Free Campus Policy

Professor Elizabeth Click presented information on the Tobacco Free Campus Policy. Stan Gerson, Director of the Case Comprehensive Cancer Center, spoke in favor of the policy. Professor Jonathan Adler spoke against including e-cigarettes in the policy. The Senate discussed the e-cigarettes issue and voted against removing them from the policy. The Senate voted to endorse the policy.

Endowed Professorship Provision of Faculty Handbook

Upon request of the Senate Executive Committee, the Senate By-Laws Committee made further modifications to the endowed professorship provision of the Faculty Handbook, allowing for non-tenure track faculty to be appointed when requested by the donor or permitted by the terms of the endowment agreement. The Senate voted to approve the revised provision.

Senate By-Laws revision re Undergraduate Student Senator

The Senate voted to approve a proposed change to the Senate By-Laws, which addresses election of the undergraduate student senator. The revised language provides that the USG Vice President of Academic Affairs will serve as the undergraduate student senator. This language codifies current practice. The Senate voted to approve the revision.

CAS Graduate Plus-Minus Grading Policy Option

The College of Arts and Sciences adopted a plus-minus grading option for graduate courses. Each department in the College may decide whether to adopt the policy. The Senate voted to approve the plus-minus grading option.

Proposed Revisions to SOM By-Laws

The Senate reviewed and unanimously approved proposed revisions to the SOM By-Laws that had been approved by the Senate By-Laws Committee.

Other Items from the Meeting

More detailed information on the items below will be available in the minutes which will be posted on the Faculty Senate [website](#) once they have been approved.

Revisions to MSASS By-Laws

The Senate reviewed and approved proposed revisions to the MSASS By-Laws that had been approved by the Senate By-Laws Committee.

MA in Patent Practice/MS in Biochemistry Dual Degree Program

The Senate approved a Master of Arts in Patent Practice and Master of Science in Biochemistry dual degree program.

MS in Genetic Counseling/MA in Bioethics Dual Degree Program

The Senate approved a Master of Science in Genetic Counseling and Master of Arts in Bioethics dual degree program.

Provost's Commission on the Undergraduate Experience

The Provost reported on the newly-formed Commission on the Undergraduate Experience (CUE). The CUE will be faculty-led with Professor Kimberly Emmons (CAS) serving as chair, and will include faculty representation from the Undergraduate Program Faculty schools.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the senators for your school or college. The list of senators can be found on the Faculty Senate [website](#).

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