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Faculty Senate Report
Update November 3, 2011

The Senate has been working diligently and directly with the college and library councils and the university administration. Dr Davis has met with each of the councils to expedite the work of the standing committees and encourage faculty participation in the university's governance. The Senate's standing committees are all now fully populated and working on their charges. The Director of Research and Institutional Effectiveness will now be an ex-officio member of the General Education Committee, an arrangement that promises improvements to various assessment processes.

The Senate is actively addressing a number of issues pertinent to the faculty at this time, including roles and responsibilities within the tenure and promotion process; evolving procedures for new degree programs and the costs and benefits of alternative teaching management systems as potential successors to Blackboard. We are also actively monitoring policy developments as the '7 solutions' proposed for higher education in Texas are considered by our state legislators.

The Senate has begun to consider the need for succession planning among the senior leadership at the university and will continue that dialog in the coming months.

(Dr Davis is presenting a paper at a conference in Wilmington, NC and apologizes for his absence)