

## **University Senate**

### **December 5, 2013 Post-Meeting Email**

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Dear Members of the University Senate,

Thank you for a very productive meeting last week. The question time resulted in valuable information about the Writers Conference and recent changes to the reporting structure at the Vice President level. And, the thoughtful discussions about the proposed changes to tenure and promotion policies, and about the recommendation to expand University Council membership, were interesting and important. I'm sending this email as a brief follow-up to that meeting.

As announced last week, our next Senate meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, January 16 at 4:05 pm. The Senate Executive Committee will meet on December 18 to determine if this meeting will be necessary, but for now I ask that you please reserve the time. I will send an email no later than December 20 to specify if the January 16 meeting will occur – thanks in advance for your patience. And remember, we've permanently moved the Senate meeting location to ***Education Room 113***. I sincerely apologize to anyone who may have first gone to Gamble 7 on December 5.

At our next meeting (whether January 16 or the regularly-scheduled February 6 meeting) we will have at least two items that stem from actions taken at last week's meeting:

1. A motion to approve the tenure and promotion recommendations from the Academic Cabinet was tabled, and thus we will need to reconsider this item.
2. The proposed amendment to the UND Constitution regarding eligibility for University Council membership was approved on December 5. Because constitutional amendments require approval at two consecutive Senate meetings, this recommendation will again come before us.

Of course, details about both of these items can be found in the agenda and the minutes for the December 5 meeting, as well as in my pre-meeting email of December 2. I would also be happy to try to answer questions you might have, so feel free to contact me.

I hope everyone has a great end to the semester,

Ryan