

University Senate

November 7, 2013 Post-Meeting Email

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Members of the University Senate,

At the suggestion of Vice Chair/Chair-Elect Melissa Gjellstad, I will provide all of you with information before each Senate meeting that helps to better understand the items on the agenda. The first such email was sent to you two weeks ago in anticipation of last week's Senate meeting. A related goal is to follow each meeting with an email that responds to requests, provides additional information, etc., relating to that recently-completed meeting of the Senate. This is that email for the November 7 meeting.

As I mentioned last Thursday, the remaining Senate meetings for the year will be held in a different location. Specifically, ***we'll now be meeting in Education Room 113***. I hope, once we've had a chance to gather there, that you'll feel the change is an improvement.

A second item concerns a request that was made at the October Senate meeting. At that time I indicated I would send a copy of the One Stop proposal that Dr. Riedy mentioned during the announcements. It's attached to this email, and I hope you'll forgive my delay in getting it to you.

At last week's meeting a question was asked about the UND Writers Conference. Dean Storrs has indicated that she'll be happy to respond to that and similar questions. It seems reasonable, and probably most efficient, to answer Writers Conference-related questions at our December meeting. I hope you don't mind waiting until then.

Finally, I'd like everyone to know that the Executive Committee has been working with the President and Provost to secure support for Senate in the following ways:

- Course release for Senate chairs during their year of service, starting with the 2014-15 academic year.
- Web site development for Senate and all of its committees, with ongoing maintenance support.
- Dedicated physical space for a Senate office.
- A budget for the operation of Senate and its committees.

Some of these are still works in progress, and I will continue to provide updates as I have them.

However, what's not in doubt is that the President and Provost are providing tangible support which will strengthen the shared/collaborative governance function of the Senate.

Please let me know of any questions or concerns. And, if there are items you'd like to make sure are on the Senate's agenda, don't hesitate to pass them along to me or to any member of the Executive Committee.

I'll be back in touch prior to our December 5 Senate meeting.

Ryan