Board of Control Meeting

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Passed Issues on our Plate

- Blended Learning: Who owns the rights to the material?

- Senate Evaluation

- Sabbatical Leave

- Revised General Education Policy

- Conducted President and Exec Team Evaluation
  - BOC should have results
  - Presented at a Senate meeting and Pres Mroz attended and commented.

Blended Learning: Who owns the rights to the material?

- Senate has formulated a policy to specify who owns copyright for teaching materials.

- Trying to encourage blended learning to attract and retain students.

- An interim policy Passed the Senate now.

Senate Evaluation

- Evaluation survey is complete.

- Senate is formulating responses to concerns outlined in the survey results.

Sabbatical Leave

- Senate proposal passed allowing for more incentive for faculty to take 2-semester sabbatical leaves to enhance the benefit to the faculty and university.

General Education

- Revised General Education to align with a Michigan Transfer Agreement
- Improve University Assessment for accreditation
- Passed through the Senate

University Accreditation and Assessment

How can we assess ourselves and get accreditation in the most efficient way?

Currently many volunteer hours are used and its hard to get the buy-in from the faculty.

People getting used to it, but still have concerns.

Pending Issues

- Refining Evaluation Procedures for Chairs and Deans, Senate to Run Evaluations

- Giving input to BOC prior to decisions

    (Prop 13-14)

Refining Evaluation Procedures for Chairs and Deans

- Senate to conduct evaluations for each school or department to maintain confidentiality.

Giving input to BOC prior to decisions (Prop 13-14)

- Would like the BOC to have New Business/Old Business meeting format.

- Or some other way to find pending issues before a decision is made

- Passed Senate on Jan 22 but we still haven't heard anything back.

Representation on Administration Search Committees

- Strongly (and humbly) request
  - Open searches
  - Representation on all administration search committees.

External Concerns

How to position ourselves in light of:

1. Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC)

2. State funding in light of federal budget deficits

3. Some states mandating lowering cost to students.

4. Some states considering offering free community college tuition

5. Federal effort to reduce student debt.

6. Community Colleges offering BS degrees

How can we get our salaries at least up to the national average??

We want to be one of the top universities in the nation, but this hurts us in retention.

Let's analyze what it would take.

Shared Governance

If the University is really to have shared governance, then the Senate needs to be viewed as a partner in decisions.

We have made some good progress on this issue this year but still have a ways to go.

The administration will need to continue to work with the senate, and the senate will need to step up and act in a deliberate , as well as deliberative, manner.