University Senate Fall Preview

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Senate Term 2020-2021

An unprecedented year in the Senate – An incredibly productive year despite an unprecedented confluence of singular events.

Shared Governance - A record 87 Proposals and Resolutions.

Dialogue – Using our voice to support those from across our campus community by furthering dialogue around pressing issues.



Pending Business from Spring 2021

• Proposal 84-21: Evaluation Procedures for Department Chairs

 Proposal 85-21: Proposal to Create a University Teaching-Facilitators Group for Support of Teaching Effectiveness to Resolve Student Concerns



Pending Business from Spring 2021 cont.

Ballot initiatives on tenure process changes:

 Proposal 79-21: Update Faculty Handbook Section 5.1.2. Exceptional Extension of the Probationary Period

 Proposal 55-21: Proposed Addition of Section 2.6 Role of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to the Faculty Handbook

 Retroactive vote on Section 2.5 Role of Innovation and Commercialization of the Faculty Handbook



Early Agenda Items for Fall

• Adoption of a Senate Handbook

• Institute New Hybrid Senate Meeting Platform

Senate Evaluation Survey

