



## RE: Proposal for Senate involvement when not in session

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To: Edward Decker

Cc: Carlos Chale; Cheryl Swanson; Daniel Ward; Nancy Mankin

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Ed,

The committee met Wednesday, February 12 and unanimously makes this recommendation:

Add to the normal meeting calendar a slot during Spring term final exam week and another in the first week of August for "Emergency Senate Meeting" if needed. The Senate President would be responsible to call for the meeting with explanations of the reasons for the meeting. All faculty are still on contract at these times and a quorum should be easily assembled, especially if all Senate members are aware of this responsibility coming in.

I thank and appreciate committee members for their service.

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**From:** Edward Decker

**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2014 11:17 AM

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**Cc:** Kathaleen Reid-Martinez; Vanna Reed

**Subject:** Proposal for Senate involvement when not in session

Sam,

Thank you for being willing to chair this ad hoc committee. As you heard the Provost indicate at our most recent Senate meeting, provision must be made for involvement of the Senate in the curricular decisions when the Senate is not in session e.g. the summer. As our curriculum becomes more context and situation specific e.g. globalized, and is offered year round, expediency is necessary in order to accomplish the growth goals of an on-line education through ORU. Perhaps most importantly, the Senate must evaluate the extent which the context and situation specific curricular offerings maintain the mission and vision of the University. This is a sacred task.

Carlos Chale has consented to serve, as has Daniel Ward, and Cheryl Swanson. I am waiting for confirmation from another senator as to her willingness to serve. Coordinating meeting times may be a challenge. I have spoken to each of them and they understand the importance of this committee and the short time in which you have to work.

As I see it, this will necessitate three recommendations: 1) how might "the Senate" convene during times when it is not formally in session, 2) procedures for voting on curricular concerns during this time, and 3) a suggestion as to the wording necessary to amend the Senate by-laws (Article VII Meetings) to allow for numbers 1 and 2.

I would like these recommendations presented at the February Senate meeting on February 24. This will allow