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Attachments: Senate proposed amendments.docx; Globally Focused Suggested Revision.docx; ORU Student Outcomes - 2nd Suggested Revision - Sp14.docx

Dear colleagues,

As you are aware, the Senate has been asked to convene this month, and this is a task that we graciously and energetically embrace. I am sending this email out to facilitate discussion, since we will be solely meeting “electronically.”

The first item on the agenda is Math 315, History of Mathematics. Originally it was worded thus:

“We propose to add MAT 315, History of Mathematics, as an option for General Education Humanities credit *only for College of Science and Engineering majors.*”

It has been revised and is now worded thus:

“We propose to add MAT 315, History of Mathematics, as an option for General Education Humanities credit.”

The second item on the agenda is the new Student Outcome, “Globally Focused.” I have attached the appropriate documents for your review.

The third item on the agenda is the proposed amendments to the Senate bylaws. They are included via Word attachment for your review. The bylaw changes require 2/3 affirmative vote from all of the voting members and so if only 75% of the voting members participate, and then the suggested amendments would need around a 90% affirmative vote to pass. I am considering tableing the bylaw changes until the fall and voting then. Another reason for this is that the proposed change, “A Faculty Senate Vice President shall be elected annually by a vote of the University Faculty from a listing of all senators whose terms have not expired,” radically changes other sections of the Senate bylaws that were not anticipated nor discussed in the Senate. I would prefer to deal with these in the fall, but this is not a dictatorship and so please give me input and I shall side with the majority. Your voice is valuable and has weight!

I would also like to discuss the possibility of voting in our regular Senate meetings either with paper or electronically after the meeting (the clickers that we have traditionally used malfunctioned last time and the company was sold).

Keep in mind that discussion on these items will be open until May 21 (the 30 day waiting period). On May 22 the Faculty Senate will vote on these items and then within two week the full faculty will vote.

Your servant in Christ,

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