REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Senate Committee: University Faculty members of the University Senate Executive Committee

Brief History of Issue - why the issue is being considered:
- More and more situations have occurred where individuals have appointments in interdisciplinary programs/units or other entities. Existing guidelines, criteria, and processes are geared towards the evaluation process of a person serving in a traditional department or unit. Therefore, guidelines, criteria, and processes pertaining to those serving in departmental alternatives need to be developed.

Points Discussed by Committee:
- Clarity to the criteria for evaluating those in departmental alternatives is needed
- A task force could focus on the criteria and processes and bring those to Senate
- Want to get this accomplished yet this year
- Need to be attentive to collective bargaining
- Important to have a department chair on the task force
- Would like to see criteria for how one is evaluated
- Would like to see guidelines on how a departmental alternative would function regarding personnel
- Would like to have processes that would cover personnel and governance functions

Pros of Recommendation:
- Necessary evaluation criteria will be developed
- Necessary processes will be purposed

Cons of Recommendation:
- More work load for Task Force members

Technology/Human Resource Impact:
- The time invested by the volunteers on the Task Force

Committee Recommendation:
- That the Provost be charged with forming an Ad Hoc Task Force as soon as possible
- That the Task Force report to the University Senate no later than the end of April
MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The University Senate Committee:

by a vote of 7 for to 0 against on September 21, 2010

Recommends that

The Provost create and charge an Ad Hoc Task Force for departmental alternatives for interdisciplinary units within 30 days and for that Task Force to report to the University Senate no later than the last meeting of the University Senate in April 2011.

Implementation Date:

Signed: _______________________________________

Chair of the Committee

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