1 - The following request was brought forward by Dr. James Boulter, Sustainability Fellow. He states:

“I’d like to identify one senator to sit on the “Campus Sustainability Staff Council,” comprised of faculty, staff and paid student employees who maintain sustainability as part of their jobs (currently comprised of one member each from: housing, facilities, university centers, the student office of sustainability, and myself). This group will help to coordinate efforts across campus to improve efficiency and reduce overlap in our various efforts to reduce the environmental impact of the university. It is my anticipation that this group will meet formally 1-2 times per month, but will have more frequent informal interactions as they grow to know each other and rely on each other’s input and find opportunities for consultation outside of scheduled meetings. We have not yet identified a regular meeting time, and I will strive to keep the group small to facilitate the process of scheduling and to maximize the effectiveness of the group.

Please don’t hesitate to ask me any questions or to let other interested senators do so. And please let me know as soon as someone has stepped forward.”

Senators – if you have an interest in serving on this Council, please be prepared to speak up at the Senate meeting on Tuesday.

2 – The following request was brought forward by a member of the Compensation Committee:

“Dr. Sasha Showsh is not a Senate member but has volunteered to be the chair of the Senate Compensation Committee. Can we allow him to be the chair as long as there is a representative (either Sasha or one of the Senate committee members) of the committee at Senate meetings if/when a motion is presented? This year it was even more difficult to find a chair for the committee since there are two unfilled faculty positions from Senate.”

Senators – as you may recall, you strongly expressed at our last meeting, the desire for ALL senate committees to be chaired by Senators. The compensation committee, however, is a hybrid committee and currently has only 2 senators elected to that committee (one is our AS rep and the other is our Senate Vice Chair). The two University Faculty senator positions have remained vacant.

Senators – Are you willing to make an exception in this case and allow a non-senator fill the role of Committee Chair given the conditions expressed in the request?

FYI –

Future Topics of the Day

- October 25 – University Liberal Education proposal
- November 8 – Committee Authorities