Annual Report to Board of Trustees
2009-2010

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A year of change and renewal
What does the Academic Senate do?

- Approves educational policy and curricular proposals
- Sets admissions policies
- Recommends conferral of degrees
- Recommends candidates for honorary degrees
- Proposes amendments to Statutes
- Give advice to Chancellor and (through University Senates Conference) to President
Academic Senate structure

• 200 faculty members, elected by departmental colleagues
• 50 students, elected by student body
• Academic Professionals now included in electorate also
• Committees: where most work gets done
Some key Senate committees

- Admissions
- Academic Freedom and Tenure
- University Statutes and Senate Procedures
- General University Policy
- Executive Committee
- Educational Policy
Educational Policy: Curricula and Academic Unit Structure

- Revisions of curricula: 16
- New programs: 11
- Programs eliminated: 12
- Unit Restructuring: 5
Key Senate Discussions and Actions

• Our students
  Online course evaluations general discussion

• Knowledge creation and sharing
  Open Access general discussion

• Access, diversity and equity
  Resolution on MAP funding

• Outreach and shared governance
  Statutes amendment: Restructuring and consultation
Stewarding Excellence: A case study in shared governance

- Faculty and student representation integrated into structure

- Consultation with Senate representatives:
  - Impact of proposed actions on our core missions
  - Protection of faculty, student, and staff rights
  - Potential savings: Who gains? Who loses?
  - Message to faculty: You matter.
Looking forward: 2010-2011

- Curricular efficiencies and collaborations
- E-learning
- Regulation and digital age thinking
- Risk consciousness
- Stronger partnerships (within and beyond campus)