

# 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

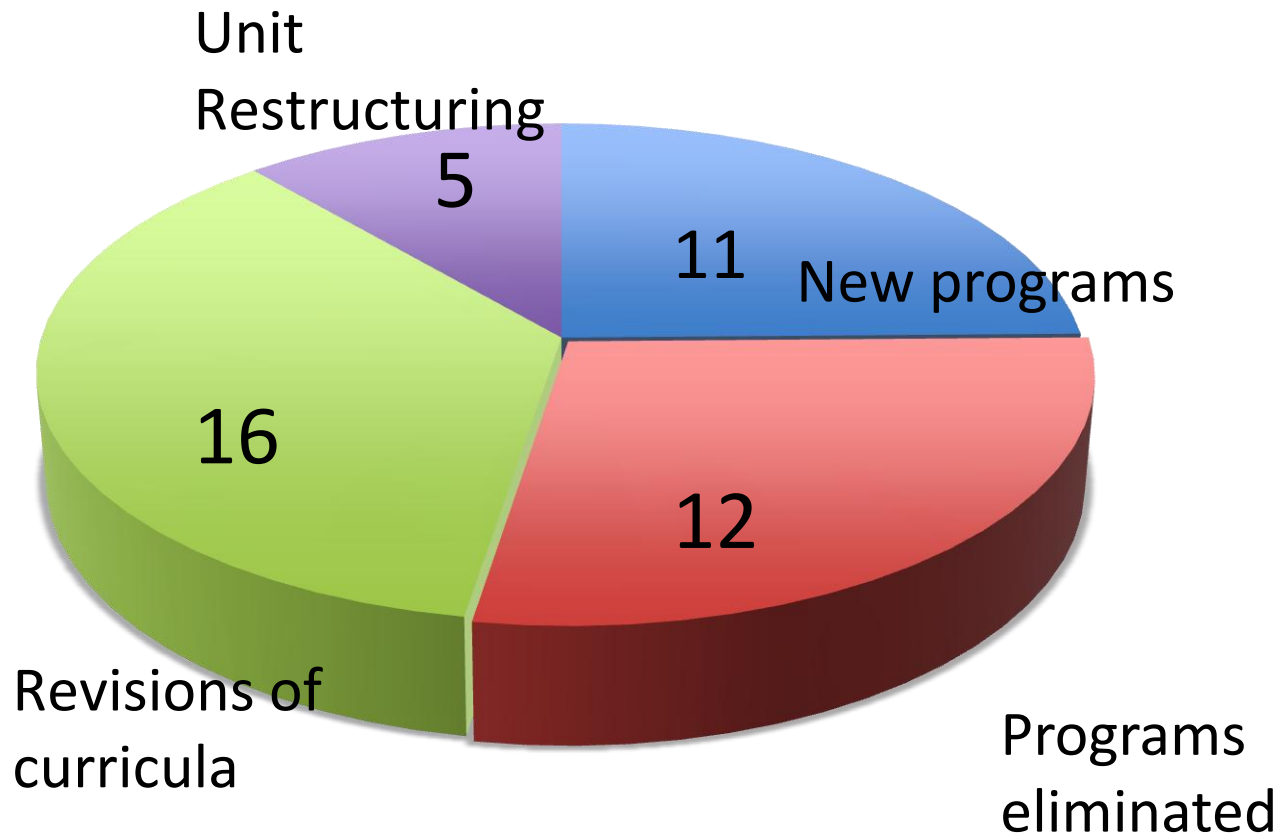
# Academic Senate structure

- 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



# 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)