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MEMORANDUM

TO: Michael Fitzgerald
Chair, Faculty Senate

FROM: Alexander Gonzalez
President

SUBJECT: Faculty Senate Actions - Meetings of March 15 and April 12, 2007

I am in receipt of your memoranda regarding Faculty Senate Actions at its recent meetings.

I approve FS 07-17/Ex., by which Professor Nathan Trueblood is appointed to the Institutional Scholarship Committee.

I commend the Faculty Senate for its expression of thanks and appreciation to the members of the Budget Task Force, as indicated in FS 07-21/Ex., and once again, I add my own appreciation and gratitude to the members of the Budget Task Force.

Regarding FS 07-21A/Ex., I acknowledge receipt of the Faculty Senate's sense of the Budget Task Force's recommendations. As I have noted in many discussions, it is my intention to produce and make fully available to the entire campus community a detailed annual budget report. As well, the process by which to put in place a University Budget Advisory Committee, modeled after the composition and distribution of membership on the Budget Task Force, is now underway. The many recommendations regarding the responsibilities of such a committee are appreciated and are captured, I believe, in FS 07-27/FLR (see below). Finally, regarding item 3 of FS 07-21A/Ex., while I very much appreciate the hard work that membership on the University Budget Advisory Committee will entail, I am unable to approve the recommendation that members be given assigned time for their participation. Such an action would not be fiscally prudent currently and would necessitate much wider discussion of assigned time for membership on University-level committees, many of which entail equally significant contributions of time and energy.

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I acknowledge receipt of FS 07-22/Ex. and FS 07-28/Flr.

I acknowledge receipt of FS 07-27/Flr. and FS 07-20/Flr. I am currently considering them.

Regarding FS 07-13/Ex., I acknowledge receipt and urge the Senate to act expeditiously to bring the matter of Section 6.06.D of the UARTP Policy to a faculty referendum.

Thank you for your attention.

AG/leo

c. Provost/Vice President Joseph Sheley
Vice President David Wagner