

President's Report

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- **August 21, 2013** (outline of the PowerPoint presentation)
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Faculty Senate and Shared Governance

- The governing board of an institution of higher education in the United States operates, with few exceptions, as the final institutional authority (AAUP Redbook, "Statement on Government," pp. 138-39).
- In order to fulfill its duties, the board should be aided by, and may assist upon, the development of long-range planning by the administration and faculty. The board should undertake appropriate self-limitation (*Id.*)
- It is incumbent on the president to ensure that faculty views, including dissenting views, are presented to the board in those areas and on those issues where responsibilities are shared (*Id.*)

Six Key Initiatives: 2012-2013

- The soundness of resulting decisions should be enhanced if an elected representative committee of the faculty participates in deciding on the overall allocation of institutional resources and the proportion to be devoted directly to the academic program. (AAUP "Redbook," 149)
- This committee should be given access to all information that it requires to perform its task effectively, and it should have the opportunity to confer periodically with representatives of the administration and governing board. (*Id.*)

- Faculty Senate By-laws: Formally voted upon and approved by the Board of Regents, March 28, 2013.
- Improved shared governance:
 - a) academic and curricular recommendations
 - b) complete faculty manual and present to president and board for formal vote and approval in November 2013
 - c) incorporate accreditation findings/recommendations
 - d) recruitment and retention initiatives
 - e) realignment of university standing committees
- Faculty Survey (Spring 2014).
- Faculty Senate website for greater transparency and improved communication channels.
- Missouri Association of Faculty Senates: leverage expertise and resources of 14 Missouri university members.
- Transparency of the university's budget and line-item funding for the faculty senate.

Five Pillars in Support of Strategic and Market Growth: Ad Hoc Finance Committee (Board)

- External Funding (Grants, Partnerships, Collaboratives)
- Recruitment and Retention
- Communications and Standard Operating Procedures
- Image and Branding
- Content Delivery Platforms

University Standing Committees

- 2013-2014 Agenda
- Form an Ad Hoc committee to involve the Senate and faculty in the selection of next university president.
- Complete the drafting of the faculty manual and get approved and adopted by the Board in November.

- Create External Funds Standing Committee.
- Establish Finance Committee's engagement model with the Board.
- Appoint a faculty senator to the university budget committee for increased budget transparency

University Standing Committees

- Links to each standing committee on Faculty Senate website
- Link content: charges, objectives, and chair reports to the Faculty Senate
- Improved communication channels between committees and Senate
- Two-week turnaround proposal pipeline between Office of Academic Affairs and the Senate

Link to Dr. Brian Elsesser's presentation on Pedagogy in the Video Documentary Process:



Link to Dr. Diane Smoot's presentation on Digital Pedagogy

- <http://bit.ly/DigitalStudent>