University Senate Chair Report
November 9, 2026

Hi Folks,

I hope everyone had a great spooky season with friends, family, and loved ones. October can feel like a bit of a grind with the academic calendar, so it's nice to finally get some upcoming respite with the November holidays.

I met with the Senate Council of Chairs a week ago, where my colleagues and I were pretty fired up about the Symposium I briefly described in my last report. In the weeks leading up to the Symposium, we discovered some controversy around the campus invitation lists, so I conducted an informal survey on how folks were being invited and what other campuses' priorities were around the event. Instead of describing that here, I will point you to a letter that I wrote (attached) to the Chanceler's Office (CO), specifically to Dr. Dilcie Perez. I presented the letter to the Council of Chairs and received tons of support; some folks gave comments and other language to be included, and 18 of 22 campus senate chairs signed the letter. The letter was sent to Dr. Perez on Friday, November 6, by Tracey McGuire-Teraishi, Program Manager for the ASCSU.

In other brief updates, I described the work on reactivating the Public Safety Committee (PSC) and the similarities to the Campus Safety and Police Committee (CSPC) to the Committee on Committees (CoC) to bring them up to speed and get them involved in the process, as required by our Committee Governance and Oversight Policy. Additionally, I met with AVP Flynn to review the Policy and Procedures for Responding to Allegations of Research Misconduct. Both the University Policies Committee (UPC) and Academic Policies Committee (APC) worked on updates to this policy based on Federal updates last year, and I applaud their effort, particularly William Cook on the UPC. However, just as we were about to bring it forward for a second reading on April 28, 2026, we discovered we had to pull it from the agenda due to recommendations from General Counsel. AVP Fynn and I reviewed those recommendations, incorporated them into the policy, and we now bring it forward to you for a first reading. We have indicated changes that took place since the document last appeared before this body, as well as a summary of changes that took place as a result of Federal updates.

Okay, that's probably enough for now. I hope everyone enjoys this short week!

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