Dear Colleagues:

Since the beginning of the academic year, the Internal Governance Committee formed by President Lariviere and the Faculty Advisory Council has been working towards a series of recommendations related to revising internal governance at the University of Oregon. These revisions are necessary to bring the governance structure into alignment with a Department of Justice ruling dated 11/7/08 and, at the same time, improve the functioning of that governance. The goal will be to have the “statutory faculty” vote on these revisions at a meeting during Spring Term.

The work of the committee is now at a stage at which input is sought from the broader university community. Towards this end we have created a website [http://int-gov.uoregon.edu] where you can find the main recommendations for revisions to the internal governance structure, the definition of statutory faculty, answers to frequently asked questions, and associated documents and links with relevant background material.

At this time, we seek feedback and comments from faculty, staff, and students on any and all aspects of our recommendations. The comments sections of the website will be moderated and we will make every effort to respond to your questions and concerns. The goal is to incorporate your feedback into our own ongoing discussions so that the final revisions to the internal governance structure accurately reflect the wishes of the broader university community.

Yours,

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