The Internal Governance Committee has been charged by President Lariviere with making revisions in the internal governance structure to bring it into compliance with the November 2008 DOJ opinion concerning the quorum and voting requirements of the statutory faculty. The work of the committee has progressed to the point that we are ready to seek input and feedback from the broader UO community. We encourage such feedback from the entire community although, ultimately, it will be the statutory faculty who need to vote on any revisions that are made.

The timeline by which we envision this occurring is as follows:

**Fall 2009**

- Appoint Internal Governance Committee
- Identify outstanding issues
- Draft 3-5 alternative internal governance models
- Solicit input/feedback from UO community via website
- Hold Town Hall meeting to discuss pros/cons of each alternate model
- Get initial input from President Lariviere

**Winter 2010**

- Compile input/feedback and revise alternatives
- Solicit additional input/feedback from UO community via website
- Hold Statutory faculty meeting to select one of the alternatives
- Revise/refine and add detail to the selected alternative

**Spring 2010**

- Present the new enabling legislation to President Lariviere for his consideration
- Make adjustments to faculty elections process as required (delay may be needed in elections if implementation is late in Spring term)
The committee has identified a number of goals and priorities that we feel should be the focus of internal governance independent of any restructuring that may occur. These can be broadly categorized into the general goals of the internal governance structure and the current and ongoing priorities:

**General Goals:**

1. mechanism for statutory faculty to meet
2. mechanism for statutory faculty to oversee whatever elected body or bodies carry out day-to-day governance functions
3. broad based representation of UO community
4. ability to respond to matters that arise with reasonable speed
5. procedures the define how president can respond to matters coming from elected body (e.g. recommendations vs. directives)
6. possible consolidation of various types of committees (e.g. elected vs. appointed; committees established by elected body or bodies vs. committees established by central administration)

**Current and Ongoing Priorities:**

1. curricular matters and the impact of budgetary decisions on the curriculum
2. other issues related to budget
3. student conduct/discipline
4. student life issues
5. personnel policies
6. admissions policies
7. issues related to space
8. issues related to parking
9. issues related to faculty insurance liability
10. issues related to faculty grievances
The DoJ opinion specifies that the statutory faculty should have a means to meet independent of the University Senate. Two possible alternatives have surfaced at this time:

**Alternative 1**

- **Statutory Faculty Assembly**
  - All statutory faculty (assistant, associate, full, and emeritus professors, career NTTiF and NTTrF, tenured senior instructors)
  - Delegated authority to University Senate in May 2009
  - Provides faculty-based oversight of Senate
  - Need to set mechanisms for calling a meeting and voting and quorum requirements
  - Will likely meet infrequently

- **University Senate**
  - As currently structured with the addition of graduate student representatives
  - Maintain current functions

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**Administration**
Alternative 2

Statutory Faculty Assembly
  • As in Alternative 1

Faculty Senate
  • Small representative body (~15 faculty)
  • Chaired by University President
  • Deals with issues directly related to academic matters

Senate President & Vice-President

University Senate
  • Reduce faculty representation by ~15, increase number of representatives from other constituents, and add graduate student representatives
  • Deals with issues of broad concern to university community

Administration
Other Issues:

Applicability of Oregon Public Meetings Law – we will hear shortly from the General Counsel on this issue.

Mechanism for electing Senate Vice-President – there are several motions that will be discussed and voted upon concerning this issue later in this meeting. The committee has also had some discussion about this including the idea of opening up the voting for the Senate Vice-President to all the statutory faculty.