

COLLEGE FACULTY SENATE AGENDA

October 2017-18

CAS Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda

Monday, October 16, 2017

104 Gore Hall 4:00 PM

1. Call the Meeting to Order (S. Kaufman)
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Review of minutes of September CAS Senate meeting (posted on CAS web site)
4. Presentations on UD Initiatives
 - A. Center for Integration of Research, Teaching and Learning (CIRTL) (J. Fajardo)
 - B. Blue Hen Success Collaborative (N. Nash)
5. Remarks from Senate President (S. Kaufman)
6. Remarks from Dean
7. Committee Reports
 - A. Educational Affairs Committee (A. Barrier)
 - B. Other
8. Old Business: Decline in UD's US News ranking (B. McKenna)
9. New Business:
10. Introduction of New Business
11. Adjournment

Text of Proposed Resolution:

WHEREAS the College faculty is responsible for all matters relating to the academic and educational affairs of the College of Arts and Sciences, and

WHEREAS the College Senate represents the faculty in governance, integrating the interests of departments and programs and representing College-wide interests to the College's administration and the University Faculty Senate, and

WHEREAS the University's academic standing and reputation should be of significant concern to both the College and the entire University community; and

WHEREAS the University's standing in at least one widely-consulted ranking, the *US News and World Report's* rankings of "Best Colleges", has steadily declined in the last 8 years from #68 to #81, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that there be constituted until August 31, 2019 an *ad hoc* College of Arts and Sciences Senate Committee on the University's Academic Reputation charged with surveying the various extant systems for assessing universities' academic reputations; evaluating the degree to which different measures and assessment systems should be of particular concern to the University and the College; analyzing the causes and consequences of the decline in the University's standing in the USN&WR rankings and any other ranking systems; and offering recommendations for actions which would increase the University's academic performance and consequently improve its ranking. This committee shall consist of at least 4 members, with at least one faculty member from each of the 4 current portfolios within the College. Consistent with Section III.16 of the College Senate's Bylaws, the members of this *ad hoc* committee and its chair (or co-chairs) shall be selected by the College of Arts and Sciences Executive Committee.

This committee shall be charged with collecting and analyzing information about the factors which contribute to the University's ranking by USN&WR and other ranking agencies, and the consequences of declining rankings of national universities in general and our own university in particular; making recommendations for improving the University's standing in its rankings by USN&WR and other ranking agencies; providing frequent oral and/or written reports to the College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate with suggestions for addressing such issues as are identified; and providing timely advice to the Dean of the College and other administrative officers of the College and the University.

SPONSOR: Bernard McKenna (Associate Professor of English, currently at-large senator and former College Senate President [2013-2014]);

COSPONSOR: John Morgan (Associate Professor of Physics and Astronomy, departmental senator and CAS COCAN Chair since 2014).