Faculty Senate Talking Points: February 11, 2020

- Follow-up discussion and update on the Vandal Gateway Program (VPG). There was a general sense that the conversation from the previous Senate meeting was productive and helped us move forward in the best interest of students, faculty, and the university as a whole. While comments from Senators indicated their support of broader access to education, many aspects remain to be worked out (regarding admission requirements, curriculum, etc...)
  In the meantime, a “temporary emergency policy” to allow admission of the VGP students is being developed. The proposed policy will be a topic of discussion at the next Senate meeting.

- A number of policies from the University Curriculum Committee were discussed and approved by Senate. (Please see supporting documents included in the Senate Meeting #19 binder.)

- A Senator noted that Vandal Cards have no expiration date. A valid student ID card is accepted as proof of residence when registering to vote. Often times, students whose “permanent” address is elsewhere have no other way to prove that they live here. Thus, the point raised by the Senator is about facilitating the exercise of voting rights for our students.

Important dates:

- The first University Faculty Meeting of the Spring semester will be on Wednesday, February 26, 2:30pm PT. More information will come. Save the date!

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