RPA Agenda: March 1, 2007  8:00AM Senate Conference room

(1) Resolution on the Library

Below is a draft of a resolution on the Library funding situation. The plan is if the RPA approves this (or something like it) we will ask the Executive Board to put it on the March 27 Senate agenda.

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RESOLUTION OF THE FACULTY SENATE
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
LIBRARY SUPPORT AND IMPROVEMENT

WHEREAS: The Library is the heart of the university and maintaining an excellent library is essential for ISU to maintain quality programs in research, teaching, and extension/outreach.

WHEREAS: Support for the library is now and has been for the past few years inadequate to maintain the current quality of the library and is wholly inadequate for the task of improving the library, or developing the collections in a manner that keeps pace with the development of disciplines at the frontier of research and academic study,

BE IT RESOLVED: The Faculty Senate of Iowa Sate University is committed to maintaining excellence in the library, and supports specific efforts to maintain and improve the support for the library:
   1. We support making funding the library at a level that will maintain excellence a top priority for the central administration under the new budget model.

   2. We support making the library at a level that will maintain excellence a top priority for the colleges under the new budget model.

   3. We support and endorse the current student effort to institute a student library fee. We believe strongly that the quality of students’ education will suffer if the library is allowed to decline.

   4. We support sustaining the acquisition budget in a manner that will at minimum keep pace with the Library Acquisitions Price Index.

(2) Faculty Senate Fiscal Committee

In response to our discussions of the role / title for the current Welfare and Benefits committee, I would like to make a suggestion. The Ohio State University Senate has a Fiscal Committee that is charged with monitoring key data relating to faculty numbers, salary, administrative budget decisions, etc. This looks like it might be a good role model for our committee. I will provide a draft description / charge at the meeting to start our discussion.
(3) Other Items for the Council

The faculty salary picture at ISU. What information do we need to see? What recommendation shall we make to Provost Kauffman this year?

RPA role in budget planning for the 2007/8 year. How shall we proceed?