

The Faculty Senate met April 13th for an hour and a half and took the following actions:  
---Heard reports from the Committee on Academic Standards, the Bookstore Committee, and the Speaker

---Approved the slates of Senate committees for 2004-2005

---Added nominees to the slate for the Committee on Nominations and Elections, to be elected at the April 19 Faculty meeting

---Approved, after much discussion, all proposals from the Committee on Graduate Education

---Approved, after much more discussion, all proposals from the Curriculum Committee.

The Faculty Senate concluded its April meeting (continued from April 13th) on April 20th. Senators discussed the final items on the April agenda for an hour and a half. Here is a brief summary:

--The Committee on Academic Planning, in fulfillment of the charge it received two years ago from the Fourth-Century Initiative, presented a proposal for an academic experience for first-year students. Senators discussed the logistics of implementation of the proposal, and the Provost told the Senate she thought the proposal needed further study by a committee. After much discussion, the Senate voted its unanimous approval of the first two paragraphs of the proposal. It then voted to remand the remainder of the proposal to a new Ad Hoc committee that the Committee on Nominations and Elections would create in accordance with faculty by-laws.

--The Post-Tenure Review committee brought two proposals to the Senate. The first proposal stipulated that a faculty member who was eligible for promotion, but who had not yet attained his or her highest possible rank, would not be eligible to receive a "Superior" in the post-tenure review process. The second proposal stipulated that faculty members would be granted an automatic deferral of a scheduled post-tenure review if they were going to come up for full professor the following year (currently they must petition for such a deferral). (This proposed change would only be implemented if the College received permission from CHE.) Both these proposals were approved by the senate and will be forwarded as recommendations to the President and the Provost.

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