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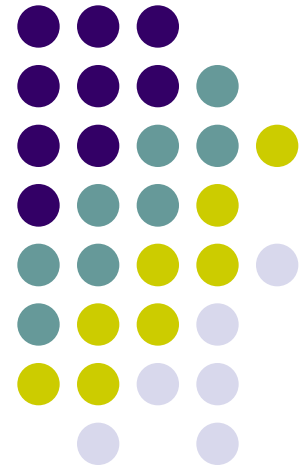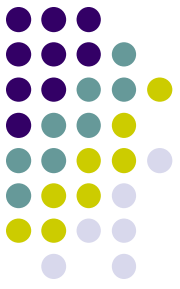## Faculty Senate Meeting 11/10/11

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Senate Business Summary (last academic year)

- Revised bylaws
- Formalized expectations of duties for senators
- Handle meeting materials online (rowdyspace for senators; post more information on the web)
- Online course evaluations
- Reviewed 25 HOP revisions:
  2.04, 2.12, 2.18, 2.20, 2.24, 2.32, 2.43, 2.44, 5.02, 5.03, 5.04, 5.07, 5.17, 5.20, 6.01, 8.02, 8.03, 8.04, 9.44, 9.45, 10.02, 10.05, 10.06, 10.07, 10.08

Senate Business Summary (last academic year)

- Academic policies and programs:

- Admission policy for undergraduate Biology program

- BA in Multidisciplinary studies

- BBA in BBA in Sport, Event and Tourism Management

- Core Curriculum Course Proposals: ARC 1513, ART 1103, EDP 2113, SOC 2023, PHI 2043, Merge level 1 and 2 science

- College of Engineering Admission Policy

- Undergraduate admission policy

- Department of Communication Major Declaration Policy

- Elimination of Communication Studies concentration of the BA in Communication

- Academic Standing Policy for BS in Biology Majors

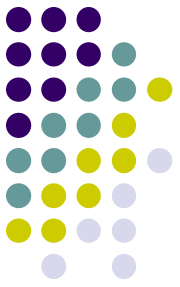- Admission Policy for Bachelor of Biomedical Engineering degree

Senate Business Summary (last academic year)

- Academic policies and programs:

- Name change for BA in Humanities to BA in Classical Studies and Humanities

- BS in Health Degree Admission Policy

- Honors College Admission Policy

- Policy for the Quantitative Scholarship Requirement

- Undergraduate Catalog Changes for the Department of Finance

- Proposed Minors in the Department of Information Systems and Technology Management

- Graduate Certificate in Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management,

- MS in Advanced Material Engineering

- Business of Health Graduate Certificate

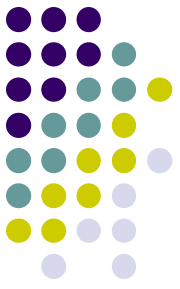# Recent Senate Business (this academic year)

- Review of HOP revisions:

4.04, 2.09, 2.29, 2.22, 2.25, 2.33, 9.23, 10.11; 9.47, 4.30, 2.45

- Academic policies and programs:

- Proposal for Changes to Undergraduate Admission Criteria

- Proposal for Changes in Admissions Criteria for COB

- Proposal for BS in Public Health

- Proposal for Revisions to BS in Health

- Proposal for Revisions to the BS in Kinesiology

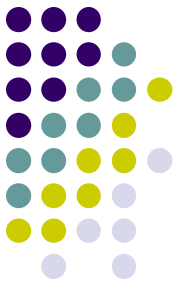- Proposed Minor in Professional Writing

- MS in Advanced Materials Engineering

- Undergraduate catalog

- Freshman admission criteria

System for evaluation of administrators

- The Executive Committee (EC) welcomes an evaluation system for administrators that solicits broad faculty input.

- The current instrument has been endorsed as best practice by the University Leadership Council of the Education Advisory Board

- A kink in the online system (MyTraining) makes faculty afraid of participating, due to a perceived lack of confidentiality

- Data is not aggregated by faculty, therefore it has been argued that it does not provide a true picture of faculty's feedback

- The EC believes that something should be done to improve the collection of data to measure faculty interests.

- Originally, the EC recommended to conduct a parallel survey on the deans that were evaluated this fall.

System for evaluation of administrators

- **Resolution 1:**
  The Faculty Senate welcomes an evaluation system for administrators that solicits broad faculty input. The Faculty Senate believes that the MyTraining system needs improvement in providing anonymity for the respondents and in aggregating data by faculty. The Faculty Senate recommends that the evaluation system for administrators should be fully anonymous (which includes that the ID of respondents should never be stored nor made available to anyone at any time), and that the data are aggregated by TT and NTT faculty as separate categories.

- **Resolution 2:**
  The Faculty Senate requests that the Provost report to the Faculty Senate in December about (i) how the anonymity and aggregation affected the deans' evaluations this semester (including faculty response rate and aggregation method) and about (ii) how he plans to address the anonymity concern and aggregation in future evaluations. The Faculty Senate will reexamine this issue and the need for an independent survey in January following the Provost's report.

Miscellaneous

- Faculty Club in JPL
- Faculty development leave
- Chair Council
- HOP chapter restructuring
- RR 90000 series on intellectual property