University Senate Update

Doug Nelson, Senator
Endorsement of the Revised Promotion For Action and Tenure Criteria

Recommended changes in the area of mentoring:
Removed: “In addition, all tenured or tenure track faculty seeking promotion must document their commitment to active and responsive mentorship and engagement with undergraduate students, as well as their active role in mentoring, advising and supporting the academic success of at risk students.”
Recommended changes in the area of mentoring:

Added: “Commitment to active and responsive mentorship, as well as an active role in mentoring, advising and supporting the academic success of students and postdoctoral scientists, will also be documented as part of the process that defines tenure and promotion.”
Recommended changes in the area of teaching and learning:

Removed: “Evidence of excellence in Teaching and Learning may also extend to substantial activity to innovate pedagogical models and materials, including wide-scale transformation of hybrid courses that lead to scholarly publications; the development of competency-based courses or curricula within an academic unit that lead to scholarly publications; and the creation of comprehensive, interactive web-based textbooks and other materials.”
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Recommended changes in the area of teaching and learning:

Added: “Evidence of excellence in Teaching and Learning may also extend to substantial activity to innovate pedagogical models and materials that lead to scholarly publications and the creation of comprehensive textbooks and other materials.”
Reapportionment

Colleges that gained Senators
Engineering (+1)
Purdue Polytechnic (+1)

Colleges that lost Senators
Agriculture (−1)
Health & Human Sciences (−1): we went from 10 to 9 Senators.
The Faculty Senate is at odds with their Board of Regents over the hiring of their University President. The Purdue Senate approved a resolution supporting the Iowa Senate in their pursuit of shared governance.
Public Statement in Support of Diversity and Equity

Given the recent events at Purdue University, the University of Missouri, and Yale University, this is a time to affirm that we must all work together against any act of discrimination or institutionalized oppressive practices, which could obstruct our growth as a university community. The Purdue University Senate wishes to reaffirm our commitment to embracing and celebrating diversity in all of its forms, and we will continue to work actively with the University Administration and campus organizations to ensure that all individuals feel welcome, valued, safe and respected in our university community.