

26 April 2010. Announcements

1. The Senate Elections Committee has done a superb job collecting nominations and preparing a ballot. Though those two tasks sound simple and direct enough, they are enormously complicated, requiring the committee to work through the bylaws of two dozen committees, some with as many as five different constituencies, each needing to vote on a different ballot. Having chaired the committee a few years ago, I know that it is one of the most frustrating, exhausting, and thankless jobs of campus.

Knowing all that, you will be very impressed when you open your online ballot. It is easy read and fill out. The instructions are clear and the information is complete. I think you'll be very pleased with the product — you might even get the sense that this committee thinks your vote is important.

When you get a chance, please thank these committee members for their excellent and thorough work.

2. I've written my response to the letter I received from Mr. Krapek, the BOT chairman. It's pretty simple. It asks him, once again, to address the issues we brought to him earlier this spring. I also sent copies to the other board members at their homes. A pdf copy of both letters will be attached to these announcements.
3. Finally, we will be running this Senate meeting under the same assumption we ran the last meeting: that Senators have prepared for today's meeting by reading the reports attached to the agenda. Therefore, we will NOT be reading today's reports; however, pertinent questions, concerns, and other comments will be accepted.