

Faculty Senate Agenda – December 4, 2012

- **Call Meeting to Order**
- **Approval of November 6, 2012 Minutes**
- **Address by Chancellor Dan Jones and Vice-Chancellor Brandi Hephner LaBanc regarding the Incident Review Committee and the charge to the Sensitivity and Respect Committee**
- **Presentation by Dr. Kathy Gates – Information Technology Overview and Updates**
- **Senate Committee Reports**
 - **Executive Committee**
 - **Academic Affairs**
 - **Update on elective “W” Grades and Grade Appeal Process**
 - Should the University limit the number of “W” grades allowed per student? What policies are currently in place? What are the potential ramifications of limiting the number possible?
 - Consider the ramifications of creating a new Standing Committee (similar to the Academic Discipline Committee) to create continuity in the Grade Appeal Process
 - **Update on Repeating Course Policy**
 - Explore the impact of updating this policy to make it more consistent and potentially more lenient.
 - **Update on Forgiveness Policy**
 - The current policy is quite strict compared to similar universities and has a negative impact upon retention. Explore updating this policy to be more in keeping with similar universities.
 - **Academic Support**
 - **Update on Fall Academic Break Schedule**
 - It has been proposed that the University have both a “Fall Break” and a Thanksgiving Break. This would allow both the faculty and students the opportunity to recharge closer to the middle of the semester rather than only at the end of the semester as we do under our current structure. There is concern that students begin to lose focus well before we reach the current academic break and that by having an additional break earlier in the semester the University may forestall this problem.

- **Finance**
- **University Services**
- **Governance**
 - Update on Ombudsman
- **Old Business**
 - **Update on Second Bachelor's Degree Task Force (Dr. Robert Doerksen & Dr. Adam Smith)**
 - The University of Mississippi may confer a second bachelor's degree upon either its graduates or those of another institution when a student has completed the specific course requirements for the second degree as defined by The University of Mississippi. In addition to the credits used for the first degree, the candidate for the second bachelor's degree must complete at least 30 semester hours in residence from the school or college recommending the degree, with a minimum 2.00 GPA for those courses.
- **New Business**
- **Adjournment**