TO: The Academic Senate

FROM: Mitchell Watnik, Academic Senate Chairperson

SUBJECT: Formation of an ad hoc committee due to administrative reorganization

PURPOSE: Action by the Academic Senate

ACTION REQUESTED:
The Academic Senate form an ad hoc committee charged with updating the Constitution and Bylaws in light of recent administrative reorganization. The Chair recommends the committee include at least the Senate Chair, the Secretary, the chairpersons of FAC, COBRA, and FDEC, and a Presidential Appointee.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:
I Article X, Section 5 of the Faculty Constitution States:

“Whenever an official reorganization of the University requires alterations in this Constitution, involving such matters as changes in names, titles, and structures of subdivisions of the University, the Academic Senate shall establish an ad hoc committee to make the changes in the Constitution necessary to accommodate the new organization. If any such reorganization requires a change of substantive nature, the amendment shall be submitted to the University Faculty; if an amendment is nominal and mechanical, it may be approved by two-thirds of the Academic Senate present and voting, provided that upon petition by five percent (5%) of the Regular Members of the University Faculty, such an amendment shall be submitted to the University Faculty for a vote.”

With the recent announcement of the new Student Affairs Division, as well as some new Diversity and Equity positions in the administration, there has clearly been an “official reorganization of the University”.