TO: President Norma S. Rees
FROM: Don Sawyer, Chair, Academic Senate
SUBJECT: Actions of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate

At its meeting of January 24, 2006, the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate took the following actions:

Confirmed the Appointments which were completed by email last week
- RPT Workshop participants: Pablo Arreola (Deputy Provost, Interim Director HR); Eileen Barrett (English, Chair FAC); Sue Opp (Biology, COBRA); Don Sawyer (KPE, Senate Chair); Steve Ugbah (Marketing, EXCOM)
- replacement of Wort on the Senate for Winter 06 (Simmons-Mosley)

Approved the preliminary list of nominees for the Winter ‘06 University-wide Election

Heard a report from
- COBRA Chair Garbesi (Geography) giving an update regarding COBRA discussions
- The Chair of the Committee Reviewing the Research Office, Sue Opp, giving a Progress Report to ExCom
- The Provost announcing great improvement of the Frosh/transfer/grad “admits” as of Jan 23rd; big difference from last year; noted that the later date for Add/drop raised FTES by 53 and was much better for department offices

Discussed
- the 10 Year Academic Calendar issues raised at the Senate meeting and postponed a decision until the Senate chair drafts a possible referral letter to FAC based on the discussion, to be distributed by email to ExCom
- DegreeWorks and PeopleSoft Student Implementations issues with administrators Kelly, Charles, Thompson, and Perry. This is being discussed with other groups around the University
- Graduation problems last year and the exciting proposals presented by Provost Kelly regarding Graduation 06, such as a Graduation Ceremony at the Concord Campus; some finals will be moved; this will be discussed in many venues
- The draft letter to VC West and Chancellor Reed, which was authored by Reichman, and made several changes. It was agreed that the Senate Chair would discuss the letter with President Rees to inquire about her opinion on timing

Agreed to have a Senate meeting on February 7th in order to give Senators the opportunity to give feedback on upcoming COBRA recommendations to the President regarding the possible budget adjustment

cc: Administrative Officers
    College Deans
    Department Chairs