DoF-to-Faculty Communication Issues

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Overview

The Dean and the Associate Dean work for the faculty. Their formal responsibilities are set forth in the Faculty Handbook. In particular, the Office of the Dean represents the interests of the faculty to the Trustees and the Administration as well as to students, employees, and alumni. Conversely, it is the responsibility of the Office of the Dean to ensure that the faculty is fully informed about campus issues and the concerns of each university constituency.

Shared governance is one of the keys to creating an environment that genuinely supports faculty teaching and research. Working towards that end, the Office of the Dean strives to make sure that the collective wisdom of the University Faculty is expressed through the Senate and the network of committees that surround it.

Faculty members are encouraged to contact us for assistance in navigating the complexities of both their profession and their university.

Announcements

- October 11: Faculty Senate Agenda
- October 12: First Gen-to-First Gen
- October 16: Take a Stand Against Domestic Violence

QuickLinks

- The October UFC and Senate Meetings
- Contact the DoF Office
- Contact the Faculty Trustees
- The Faculty Handbook

Presupposes that faculty regularly visit this page!
Another Way to Reach 1600 Faculty

Presupposes that the committee’s outreach effort is campus-wide inclusive and that committee members are willing to spend a few minutes looking up email addresses etc.
Yet Another Way to Reach 1600 Faculty

mailto: DOF-FACULTY-L

Presupposes no political bias.

Presupposes that “announcing an event” is not equivalent to DoF endorsement of its contents.
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My Dilemma is a Practical Dilemma

Do I want to spend time trying to figure out what’s political and what isn’t, what’s an endorsement and what isn’t, what’s an exercise in free speech and what isn’t, etc., etc.

Or

Do I want to spend time trying to figure out with colleagues how we might (for example) actually do something constructive about the cultural component of the curriculum as requested by the BSU and other groups?
Going Forward: Principles

A strong and effective faculty needs to be fully informed and fully engaged, especially if we are to promote dialogue and positive change.

We will continue to use the DoF website and the DoF list-serve in this direction.
Going Forward: Steps

1. Promote inclusive outreach by helping event planners do as much of their own advertising as possible.

2. Remind ourselves 24/7 that listening to a talk or attending a protest has nothing to do with content endorsement.

3. “Judgment calls” that concern the DoF website and list-serve will be made by the UFC—not just the DoF.