

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

SEPTEMBER 13, 2010 – 104 GORE HALL

September 3, 2010

TO: Senators and Executives

FROM: Belinda Orzada, Vice President
University Faculty Senate

SUBJECT: Regular Faculty Senate Meeting September 13, 2010

In accordance with Section IV, paragraph 6 of the Constitution, the regular meeting of the University Faculty Senate will be held on Monday, September 13th at 4:00 p.m. in room 104 Gore Hall.

I certify that hard copies of the approval page for each undergraduate and graduate studies academic item on the agenda are filed in the Faculty Senate Office with the appropriate signatures of approval up through the Chair of the Faculty Senate Coordinating Committee on Education. The Agenda will be as follows:

AGENDA

I. Adoption of the Agenda

II. Approval of the Minutes: [May 3, 2010](#)

III. Memorial Tributes: Slide Presentation

IV. Remarks: Provost Tom Apple

V. Announcements: Senate President John Madsen

Presentations by Dean Michael Chajes, College of Engineering;
Dean Robin Morgan, College of Agriculture & Natural Resources;
Dean Nancy Targett, College of Earth, Ocean and Environment;
Dean George Watson, College of Arts & Sciences; William
Fitzpatrick, Director of Supporting Services on Campus Parking

VI. Consent Agenda: None

VII. Regular Agenda:

a. Resolutions:

1. Recommendation from the Committee on Faculty Welfare and Privileges (Jan Blits, Chairperson) with the concurrence of the Rules Committee (Jack Baroudi, Chairperson) and the Executive Committee (John Madsen, Chairperson) for the request to replace the University's 1979 Academic Freedom Statement with a more protective Academic Freedom Statement located in the Faculty Handbook Section 4: Personnel Policies for Faculty – Academic Freedom and Standards of Conduct – Academic Freedom Statement ([attachment a Current Policy](#)) ([attachment b Newly Proposed Policy](#))

Whereas: a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision (*Garcetti v. Ceballos*, 547 U.S. 410 [2006]) and subsequent U.S. Circuit Court rulings, including one by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (*Gorum v. Sessoms* 08-1741 [2008]), have removed Constitutional protections for public university faculty and students in all areas of “professional duties” other than teaching and research, and

Whereas: the University of Delaware’s 1979 Academic Freedom Statement (www.udel.edu/provost/fachb/IV-B-1-acadfreedom.html) does not specifically protect the freedom of faculty and students to address matters of institutional policy and action or to conduct institutional governance, be it therefore

Resolved: that the Faculty Senate approves replacing the University’s 1979 Academic Freedom Statement with the proposed Academic Freedom Statement.

VIII. Unfinished Business: None

IX. New Business: None

X. Introduction of New Business:

Such items as may come before the Senate. (No motion introduced under new business, except a motion to refer to committee, shall be acted upon until the next meeting of the Senate.)