1. Candidates for Executive Committee
The candidates for the two member-at-large positions on the EC are: Tonie FitzGibbon (Law), Bill Perman (Medicine), and Terry Tomazic (A & S). The candidate for President-Elect is Mark Knuepfer (SOM).

2. Loss of a Senator
Our deepest sympathies to the family, colleagues, and friends of our Senator, Edward R. Graviss, M.D. who died Sunday, April 4, 2010.

3. SLU Administration Searches/Shared Governance
There are many high level administrative positions open within the University. These openings include: Dean, School for Professional Studies; Dean, College of Education and Public Service; Dean, Law School; Vice-President for Development; Vice-President, Frost Campus; Associate Vice-President, Undergraduate Studies; Associate Vice-President, Graduate Programs; Assistant Vice-President for Enrollment Management; Registrar; and Executive Director, Center for Sustainability. Please take an active role in the shared governance of the University by accepting a seat on a search committee when invited. A special thanks to those faculty members who are already serving in this capacity.

4. Summer EC Activity
Your FS EC remains very active over the summer months. Miriam Joseph will lead the task force reviewing potential amendments to the Faculty Manual. Recommendations of outstanding faculty representatives to various University-wide committees will be made. Meetings will take place at least monthly to plan the 2010-2011 schedule of meetings and events as well as to address ongoing issues.

5. Thank You!
Many thanks to the Senators who will be completing their terms on the Faculty Senate with this meeting. We would also like to thank those who served on Task Forces, Transition Teams, and FS Committees. A very special thanks to Miriam Joseph and Alan Weinberger, Past President, and Member-at-Large respectively, who will be leaving the Executive Committee. The Faculty Senate could not achieve the work that has been done without all of you!

6. SLU Commencement and Convocation
As part of our faculty duty as University citizens, we remind you that all faculty are expected to attend SLU Commencement (May 15) and SLU Convocation and Family Welcome (August 20).

7. More Important Dates
Faculty Senate Elections in the Schools/Colleges/Libraries—Faculty Senate Bylaws require constituent units to conduct their elections of Faculty Senators prior to the Spring
commencement and report the election results to the Senate Secretary (Linda Hoechst/LHOECHS1@SLU.EDU) by May 31st. Senate terms begin on July 1st.

Tuesday, September 7—New Faculty Senator Orientation (New Senators will be notified)
Tuesday, September 21—Faculty Senate Kick-Off Dinner (New and Returning Senators)

8. Sustainability
We challenge each of the faculty to discontinue use of water bottles and to refill water containers. Please discontinue the offer of water bottles at meetings. Offer a water station instead.

9. John A. Slosar Shared Governance Award
Criteria for this award can be found at:
http://www.slu.edu/organizations/fs/slosar_award/index.html
Provisional nominations are still being accepted through April 30, 2010. Documentation is due by June 1st, 2010, to Miriam Joseph, committee chair.

10. Called Faculty Meeting
Per the March 30 FS meeting, we are indeed calling an all-faculty meeting Tuesday, May 4, 2010 to give Interim VP Frost Patankar the opportunity to present the status of the “think tank” charged with creating a one-page document outlining the SLU Strategic Planning Process.

Additionally, the meeting will provide an opportunity for dialogue related to the racial tensions evident on the campus this semester. The purpose of the dialogue will be to raise awareness among faculty and all SLU citizens of hurtful words or deeds and to begin the process of healing and positive change.

Respectfully Submitted,
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