1. Presentations at February 23rd Faculty Senate Meeting
VP-Business & Finance/CFO Bob Woodruff and Treasurer and Chief Investment Officer Gary Whitworth will give their presentations to the Senate on Investments/Endowments and the Budget. All faculty are welcome to attend. Vice Presidents Alderson and Patankar will attend.

2. University Strategic Planning
Interim Vice President-Frost Manoj Patankar, continues to solicit input for the process of strategic planning by visiting the academic units. This input is not focused on any specific plan, but on a process to develop a plan. The existing SLU strategic plan, dated 2001, (see http://www.slu.edu/Documents/provost/Strategic_Plan.pdf) is the only University strategic plan at this time.

3. Graduate School Transition
Associate Vice President-Frost Paaige Turner will chair the Graduate School Transition Task Force, composed of about 25 people, including faculty. The Task Force’s charge is to sustain the quality of Graduate Education at SLU. The Task Force will, among other things, develop a communication plan to elicit constituent feedback, establish subcommittees to address specific faculty concerns, and consider the composition of the new Graduate Academic Affairs Committee (GAAC).

4. Faculty Senate Elections 2010
Memos have been sent to the Senate’s constituent units regarding their respective senator election needs. Senators are asked to help ensure that these elections take place within the designated time frame.

5. Faculty Senate Executive Committee Nominations
In response to the EC’s call for nominations for the positions of members-at-large and president-elect (per emailed document Eligibility for Election to Faculty Senate Executive Committee, Spring 2010), three nominees have been identified for the two at-large positions but none for the president-elect position. In accordance with Senate Bylaw VI.8., the EC, serving as the Nominating Committee, will make its report of the identified nominees at the February 23rd Senate meeting. Additional nominations for EC consideration may be proposed from the floor at this meeting. The EC will present options for Senate deliberation should there continue to be no nominees for the president-elect position for the EC to consider following the February Senate meeting.
All nominees must meet the eligibility criteria identified in the Senate Bylaws. Bylaw IV.1. stipulates that nominees for president-elect must have been a senator within the past five years or have chaired a Senate standing committee for at least two of the past five years. At-large nominees must have completed at least the first year of their first Senate term. Per Bylaw VI.8., other considerations taken into account by the EC in identifying nominees are “demonstrated commitment to Senate service, leadership in home unit, ability to meet Executive Committee obligations, and the representation of diverse units on the Executive Committee” (although there are no "seats" on the EC for representatives from specific college/schools/libraries—all EC members are, in essence, at-large members). All nominees on the final slate will submit a brief biographical statement to the Senate secretary for distribution to all senators in mid-March. The formal election for the open EC positions will take place at the Senate’s last meeting of the year, on April 28th; votes must be cast in person by senators or their designated alternates. The terms of the newly elected EC members begin at the end of the April meeting.

6. May Commencement
An announcement has been distributed regarding the expectation of faculty attendance at the University’s commencement ceremony on May 15th at Chaifetz Arena. In accord with Faculty Manual Section III.G.5: University Citizenship, faculty are urged to plan to attend. This is our last opportunity to honor our graduating students’ achievements.

7. Integrated Advising Seminar
The Faculty Mentoring Committee, chaired by Janet Kuebli (A&S), is conducting the Integrated Advising/Mentoring Event "Building Community: Integrating Mentoring and Advising for Student Success" on March 17th, 3:00pm -5:00pm in Busch Student Center, Rooms 170-171.