

**Senate Update
Jan. 16, 2008**

- I. Enrollment

- II. Budget Prep Process

- III. Monitoring Report
 - HLC guaranteed in writing that there would be no penalty for early submission
 - Advantages of submitting early:
 - Good chance of having the Report accepted before Dec. 08, which means that Park could submit proposals for other programs
 - We need the feedback whether accepted or not
 - If accepted, we'll still use the feedback to improve
 - If there is something more the HLC wants from us, it is better to know that now so that we can take corrective action before our final submission deadline of Oct. 2008.
 - We did take an additional three months to make sure we had everyone's feedback on the draft report and for finalizing everything. In reality, we've only submitted the report seven months in advance of the deadline for our three year period of work.

- IV. Senate Bylaws
 - I accept responsibility for the fact that we don't yet have approved Senate Bylaws and for that I wish to apologize to the faculty. We can do better.
 - To that end, I've called for a six-member Bylaws Task Force
 - Need the Senate to send me the names of three Senators who are willing to spend multiple, long working sessions on the bylaws. Our goal is that by April 15 we will have bylaws that the President can take to the May Board of Trustees meeting for

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approval. That means that we need to form the Task Force by next week and get started. So I need the names of three Senators by next Wed. and I will select three administrators to serve.

- V. Senate Policy - legislative for the faculty, but not for the University; is a recommending body not a policy making body; recommendations are from entire faculty so more than just advisory