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To: Faculty Governance Committee
Cc: Payne, Donna Gooden
Subject: withdraw of Appendix D from Senate agenda yesterday.

Hello everyone:

Most of you were at the senate yesterday, but I wanted to write to you a longer explanation regarding the withdraw of Appendix D from the senate yesterday. I did not have a chance to do so before the senate meeting and I know it caught by surprised in the senate.

First, a reminder. You will remember that we have been waiting for several weeks to hear from GA regarding their comment 8 in relation to appeals for early tenure. A few weeks ago, when we were finished with everything, I recommended to the committee and the committee agreed that we would not make any of the suggested changes by GA since we found what they were asking us very problematic. We then decided that we will send the language as we originally had it, with no changes to the senate.

Of course, it is possible to find our logic faulty. But at the time, I think we acted the best way we could. In good conscience the committee could not simply follow blindly directions with GA when we had doubts, and we were very worried about the fact that GA had inquired various times about why we had not submitted the revisions.

Yesterday morning Donna Payne called me and indicated that she thought that it was not appropriate for us to present the document to the senate without the requested change from GA. It seemed to me (she did not say that) at the time that it would be a good possibility that if we presented the document and senate approved it, the chancellor might reject it. That would have been bad.

Donna suggested a few choices about how we could proceed about presenting all Appendix D except the section under question.

I consulted with Marianna and we both agreed that it was better not to present Appendix D piece by piece and that the best course of action was to pull the document from the agenda and discuss this issue in our coming meeting of October 14. Marianna asked me to go to the senate and present what had happened and why the document would not be discussed, and I did that.

While all these decisions were going on, I had an opportunity to talk to Gene, who once again wrote to GA.

I invited Donna to our meeting of October 14, I also encouraged her to talk to Gene before the meeting, so she is aware of all our concerns. She is not sure whether she will be able to attend, but she indicated to me that she will talk with Hope and they both will prepare specific written comments for us before the meeting.

So, next week, we will discuss the issue of appeal for denial of early tenure before we do joint appointments. If something needs to be postponed from the agenda, it will be the scholarship of engagement proposal.

Thank you for your patience,

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