Materials linked from the February 2011 Faculty Senate agenda.

Goal: Improving Communications between OSU Faculty Senate, Senators, and Faculty

The Faculty Senate is comprised of 132 Senators representing the following apportionment units:

- Agricultural Sciences 19
- Associated Faculty 21
- Business 6
- Cascades 1
- Education 3
- Engineering 10
- Extension (off campus) 5
- Forestry 6
- Health & Human Sciences 11
- Liberal Arts 16
- Library 1
- Oceanic and Atmospheric Sciences 6
- Pharmacy 2
- ROTC 1
- Science 14
- Student Affairs 7
- Veterinary Medicine 3

Total 132

Two-way communications between Senators and members of the Apportionment Units is imperative for effective Faculty Senate operations. Strategies/methods for open and constructive two-way communications can include, but are not limited to:

- Apportionment Unit membership listservs to be used by Senators in communicating with members of their Apportionment Units.
- “Lead” or “senior” Senators in an Apportionment Unit can be identified as the primary communicator. The “lead” or “senior” Senator will be determined by the Senators for that Apportionment Unit and will organize the Unit caucus which will decide on the most effective manner to create two-way communications for their Unit.
- Assignment of faculty in each Apportionment Unit to a particular Senator for communication processes. Each Senator will be responsible for communicating with a particular group of faculty, and vice versa.
- Senators can arrange monthly or quarterly meetings or forums for faculty in their Apportionment Unit to discuss faculty issues; Executive Committee members could sit in on these sessions to hear from faculty.

Default Method
A lead Senator will be identified for each Apportionment Unit – based on seniority as a Faculty Senate Senator. Members of each Apportionment Unit will be assigned to a Senator for their Apportionment Unit based on the first letter of their last names and in alphabetical order of the Senators’ last names. Members will be evenly distributed among the Senators for their Apportionment Unit.

Implementation:
- Apportionment Units and their Senators will decide which methods/strategies for communications will be most effective and efficient for them.
• A list of possible strategies will be communicated to Senators and included in the New Senator Orientation.
• Information on the process for each Apportionment Unit will be posted on the Faculty Senate Website and an announcement included in OSU Today.
• The Executive Committee will invite groups of Senators to meet with them on a periodic basis to learn about issues in particular Apportionment Units. Executive Committee members could also be assigned as liaisons with Apportionment Units other than their own to learn about issues in those Units.