**Faculty Senate President’s Year End Report**

During the past academic year, I engaged in numerous initiatives and collaborative efforts to support the university’s mission and enhance faculty success. Below are some highlights of the key activities and accomplishments from my term:

1. **Provost and Chancellor Offices**. I actively participated in discussions and events organized by the Provost and the Chancellor Offices to enhance communication and develop actionable plans among different units and departments on campus. These included, the provost retreat, All Team Meetings, and the Provost’s Annual Strategic Planning.
2. **Search Committees**. Along with members of the University, Staff, and Student Senate, I engaged in the search process for several key administrative positions on campus, including Dean and Vice-Provost positions, as well as the Vice-Chancellor of research. Participation in these processes was essential for fostering a collaborative and transparent selection process that ultimately benefits our entire campus community.
3. **Office of Faculty Affairs**. I maintained a continuous communication with Amy Mendenhall, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, to ensure alignment on faculty-related initiatives, discuss any emerging issues or concerns, facilitate the implementation of policies that support faculty development and success.
4. **Policies**. The Faculty Senate discussed, voted on, and passed recommendations to modify two relevant policies: The Open Access Policy and the allocation of the General Research Fund. These revisions were necessary to reflect the current stage of development and growth of the university.
5. **KBOR Faculty of the Year award**. I worked with the Council of Faculty Senate Presidents (COFSP) to develop and implement guidelines for the Faculty of the Year award sponsored by KBOR. For the first time, this award will be given to two accomplished faculty members (tenured and tenure track) from each of the six universities in Kansas. KU nominated two faculty members who will be recognized in September.

Overall, I feel it has been a productive and engaging year that embodied the principle of shared governance at KU. The collaborative efforts and achievements of this year have strengthened our community and improved communication and engagement with other campus constituents and administration, laying a solid foundation for future success.

Sincerely,

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