

**Professional Affairs Committee**

**End of Year Report for 53<sup>rd</sup> Session Faculty Senate**

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The Professional Affairs Committee worked on Academic Program Review bills in the fall (Senate Bill 19-A-XX), as well as revisions to Sabbatical Leave policy (Senate Bill 19-A-XX) in the late fall and early spring, along with the annual Emeritus bill recognizing the efforts of those who are retiring. We also provided a resolution concerning the Faculty Senate's understanding of the Provost Search Committee Criteria in the Faculty Handbook.

We have drafted a revision of the Grievance Policy bill that should be introduced early in the next session. This should be the first action of the committee in the fall. We also have developed materials concerning the support faculty receive for professional development, as well as a survey to help determine what support faculty still feel they need to fully implement the teacher-scholar model. This survey should be put into the field at the beginning of fall semester in order to help guide on-going discussions concerning teacher-scholar and other faculty professional development and workload issues.