AMC GENERAL MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday, January 6, 2015
9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Global Center for Academic and Spiritual Life
238 Thomson St., 5th Floor, Colloquium Room

Preliminary Matters
1. Call to Order & Approval of Minutes

Reports of Officers
2. Chair – David Vintinner
   ○ Expected vote on Membership

3. Senators Reports:
   ○ Senate Committee on Governance – Kristi Schwindt Ramos
   ○ Senate Academic Affairs Committee – Tatum Soo Kim

Committee Reports
4. Nominations & Elections – Regina Drew
5. Community Service – Ida Longarino
7. Special Events – Julie Kaplan
8. Superblock Stewardship – Barbara Albrecht

New Business
9. Business via OpenAMC
10. Announcements

Adjournment

Attachments:
1. Memorandum to Senate Councils
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To: Councils of the University Senate
From: The Senate Committee on Organization and Governance (SCOG)
Re: Council Input To Senate Self-Evaluation
Date: December 12th, 2014

Last year as part of its recommendation for representation of the Full-time Contract Faculty, SCOG also recommended that over the course of two years the Senate undergo a major self-evaluation to examine its purpose and membership. At the same time, the Senate Executive Committee indicated that the Senate should be no larger 110 -120 members, smaller than the 127 member Senate SCOG proposed as a temporary measure to achieve representation for the Full-time Contract Faculty within the time limit set by the Board of Trustees and in the absence of an opportunity to conduct a more complete evaluation.

SCOG has now begun to gather information relevant to the proposed self-evaluation, with a particular focus on the size of the Senate and how its size relates to its function. One of SCOG’s goals is to minimize any disruptions of Council functions that could occur as a result of the eventual recommendations that may result from the self-evaluation process. Accordingly, SCOG asks the Senate Councils for their input as follows by March 1, 2015:

1. **Please consider your Council’s current size in relation to its functions.**
   - How many Senators does your Council require to carry out its functions and effectively represent the different constituencies encompassed by your Council, both in your Council and in the Senate?
   - Council members sit on Council Standing and Ad Hoc Committees, Senate Standing Committees, and several University Standing Committees, Ad Hoc Committees and Task Forces, requiring a substantial number of Council members. Would a reduction in the size of your Council by one, two, or three Senators significantly hinder your Council’s ability to provide members to these various committees and task forces?

2. **Please elaborate on how members of your Council that represent the various constituencies encompassed by your Council are chosen.**
   - Does your Council have rules or procedures that ensure representation of the various constituencies your Council represents?

3. **How do Alternate Senators function in your Council?**
   - Do Alternate Senators have specified functions in your Council?
   - Do Alternate Senators have specified functions in the Senate, e.g., are they appointed to Senate Standing Committees and if so, what is the procedure to select those who are appointed?
4. Please comment on possible mechanisms your Council could use to reduce its size in the event that the size of the Senate were reduced, e.g.:
   - a sudden size reduction at a time specified for the Senate size to decrease,
   - a slow size reduction by attrition as terms expire,
   - a reapportionment of the number of Senators that represent specific constituencies currently represented by your Council,
   - etc.

5. Please comment on any other issues your Council believes to be a goal of the self-evaluation process or regarding the process itself.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns

Best,

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