

- I will start with an apology; I have a Madison County School Board special meeting at 5 p.m. and will need to leave about 4:30 to get there.
- Policy on policies – It is my understanding that it has been well-vetted including the Faculty Senate ex-com and is in need of “test driving.” My interest in this all along is to make it a further institutionalization of shared governance. I believe it provides for a broad opportunity for the initiation of draft policy and for systematic review and input. It is my intention to implement it on a test basis and see how it works for us.

One of the issues we still have to work out is the distinction between policy, regulation, and procedure.

- The package of grant and contract policies acted on by the senate at its last meeting will be presented to the Board of Regents at its January meeting.
- Discussion about the 16 week semester.
- Summer graduation.
- My trip to Japan was both a success and highly enjoyable.
 - Rikkyo University
 - Alumni Event
 - University of Yamanashi
 - Blog
- Web Discussions. Take a look and react to the new design that is in Beta testing
- On-line social networking
- Uncertainty in state financing
 - \$300 million
 - Governor working on a plan to be announced next month
 - We have begun conversations about dealing with it/actually began in development of current budget
 - Our tuition situation
- Governor’s Workgroup on Higher Education
 - Affordability
 - Strategic Planning

- Our strategic planning and budgeting model is about ready to roll out.
 - Broad based involvement
 - Solid link between planning and budgeting
 - Transparency
- Board will be having a retreat next month. One major item of discussion will be the process of the presidential evaluation to be held during the spring semester. This discussion will be facilitated by someone from the AGB. I expect it to be a true 360 degree evaluation will indicate my desire for significant and substantive faculty, staff, and student participation.