Communications – internal

At the Senate Retreat and responses from the Great Colleges to Work for Survey “communications” was a top issue identified by many at the University. This concern is one shared across staff, faculty and administration. In fact, last year the Faculty Secretary created the “Talking Points” to provide brief notes about items discussed at senate meetings. The goal was twofold:

1) Assist senators with their role in communicating Senate discussions to their constituents and to the broader community.
2) Improve communications university-wide (on and off campus).

The current Senate Leadership would like to consider how we communicate internally in hopes of identify what is going well and what needs to be changed. To begin that effort, we want to start a dialogue on “Communications at the University” beginning with internal communications, and the Talking Points are a good starting point. Please reflect on the items listed below to ensure a productive discussion at the next Senate meeting.

1) How are senators using Talking Points to communicate Senate discussions?
2) Are they helpful?
3) Have you experienced any barriers with respect to:
   a) Time constraints or support?
   b) Distribution issues (email lists or college, group, and/or university level communication constraints)?
   c) Other?
4) What can Senate Leadership do to help you?
5) Is this the best tool for communication? Do you have other ideas?
6) What other communications need to happen?
7) Any other ideas or suggestions?