

Senators in Attendance: Rex Strange, Kim Delaney, Matt Hanka, Curt Gilstrap, Charles Conaway, Jennifer Greene, Jessica Mason, Marilyn Ostendorf, Mary Doerner, Mike Strezewski, Shane White, Stephanie Young

Other Attendees: Alex Champagne, Ian Young, Kyle Mason, Shannon Pritchard, Shelly Blunt, Al Holen, Becky Sparks-Thissen, Kyungyeol Kim, Josh Wildeman

Called to order at 2:02

- Charge 2021\_11: Request for Division I Report Information
  - Charge is straightforward.
  - Feasibility study is moving forward quickly.
  - There is a lot of misinformation floating around. Report transparency would be helpful.
  - With access to the reports we could consider offering a townhall in conjunction with the other shared governance bodies. This would likely be in December.
  - Motion passed unanimously.
  
- Approval of minutes from 8 October 2021
  - Approved unanimously.
  
- Next week we will address normal business and consider minutes from the 9/24/21 meeting.

Adjourn at 2:15 pm

## CHARGE TO THE USI FACULTY SENATE

### Formal Request for USI Faculty Senate Action

Name: Chuck Conaway (Optional)

Date of Submission: 10/08/2021

Name of Faculty Senate Representative:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Complete the following items and submit this form to either your Faculty Senate Representative or to the Faculty Senate Chair for consideration by the Faculty Senate.

**1. Charge Title:**

Request for Copies of Reports on Move to Division I

**2. Background:**

Provide an explanation of the background and context for the proposed charge. What problem, issue, or experience prompts the proposal of the charge?

On September 27, President Ron Rochon announced the implementation of a plan to explore the feasibility of moving USI's athletic programs to Division I play.

He announced that the university will be engaging an outside consultant who specializes in these evaluations - the Pictor Group - as well as an internal university committee - the Division I Exploratory Committee - to engage in a substantial review of a wide a variety of elements including fiscal and facilities requirements and internal and external community support.

In order to increase the transparency of USI's decision-making process on this important topic, and in order to provide the campus community with the information it needs to buy into and support whatever decision is made about moving to Division I, the Faculty Senate should request copies of these reports in order to disseminate information to the larger campus community.

**3. Action Requested and Desired Result:**

Specifically state what action you would like the Senate to take and the desired outcome that you would like to see.

The Faculty Senate should request copies of the reports generated by the Pictor Group and USI's Division I Exploratory Committee as soon as they are available (understood to be no later than December 3).

The Faculty Senate should then organize Town Hall meetings in order to present the information in the reports to the campus community.

**4. Potential Resources:**

Provide any information that can help Faculty Senate fully address the charge. Attach additional documents if necessary.

**Items 5-7 are to be completed by Senate Chair or Secretary:**

**5. Senate Comments:**

**6. Action Taken by the Faculty Senate:**

**7. Action Taken by the Administration:**

**Actions taken by Senate:**

Faculty Senate Chair will forward charge to President's Council and request Senate be provided with the reports generated by both the USI committee and the consulting firm.