Senate Centennial

Addressing Big Questions in Higher Education Today

October 4, 2012

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Coffman Theater
OPENING REMARKS:

President Eric W. Kaler

MODERATOR:

Marti Hope Gonzales, social psychologist, is a faculty member in the Department of Psychology in the College of Liberal Arts. She first became engaged in faculty activism during the "Tenure Wars" in the mid-1990s, and has served in faculty governance in some capacity ever since, including serving in the Faculty Senate, and as chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity for Women Committee, the Faculty Consultative Committee and the Senate Consultative Committee. She was also a faculty representative on the most recent Presidential Search Advisory Committee.

SENATE HISTORY:

Sally Gregory Kohlstedt studies science in American culture, with particular interest in the social and institutional frameworks of scientists at their intersection with the public; her most recent work has focused on museums and education. She is professor and director of the Program in History of Science and Technology in the College of Science and Engineering and current chair of the Faculty Consultative Committee and the Senate Consultative Committee.

THE ECONOMIC FUTURE OF PUBLIC RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES:

Why don’t citizens and public officials see a research university as worthy of state investments?

Panelists:

Mos Kaveh, professor and former head of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, has served as associate dean for research and planning in the College of Science and Engineering since 2005.

Peter Radcliffe, executive director, Office of Planning and Analysis, oversees institutional data and reporting, and conducts research on the economics of higher education, institutional assessment, and student success.
Thomas Stinson, professor, Department of Applied Economics in the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences, serves as the state economist for the State of Minnesota. His current research includes evaluations of alternative strategies for nonmetropolitan development and estimates of the impact of taxes on individual decisions.

David Weerts is associate professor and director of the Jandris Center for Innovative Higher Education in the College of Education and Human Development. His research focuses on state financing for higher education, university-community engagement, and alumni giving and volunteerism.

DIGITAL EDUCATION:
Can the faculty be replaced by robots and videos?

Panelists:

Douglas Ernie, associate professor of electrical and computer engineering and director of UNITE Distributed Learning in the College of Science and Engineering, has served on numerous campus wide e-learning committees and is actively involved in teaching with technology and the delivery of online courses and graduate degree programs.

Adam Matula, dual-degree student with the College of Science and Engineering and the College of Liberal Arts on the Twin Cities campus, is the current chair of the Student Senate Consultative Committee and the Student Senate.

Jeffrey Ratliff-Crain, professor of psychology, director of the Academic Center for Enrichment, and former assistant dean on the Morris campus, has taught an online psychology course since 2001.

Robert Rubinyi, director of distributed education, Office of the Senior Vice President and Provost, is currently the co-lead for the U of M Digital Campus initiative, providing students comprehensive information on U of M eLearning offerings and supporting faculty development through programs such as Quality Matters, Learn (Mostly) Online, and the "Clear Path" process for creating online and blended courses.
SENATE CENTENNIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE:

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