Senate Centennial

Addressing Big Questions in Higher Education Today

December 6, 2012

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

25 Mondale Hall
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.

PRIVATE SECTOR COLLABORATION:
Are profit motives less noble than those guiding traditional funding mechanisms?

Panelists:
Arthur Erdman is a professor of mechanical engineering in the College of Science and Engineering and the director of the Medical Devices Center within the College of Science and Engineering and the Academic Health Center, where over 100 patent disclosures have been filed with the Office for Technology Commercialization. He is a former vice chair of the Faculty and Senate Consultative Committees and is chair of one of the Institutional Conflict Review Panels.

J. Michael Oakes, an associate professor of epidemiology in the School of Public Health, serves on both the Institutional Review Board (IRB) and the Academic Health Center Conflict of Interest Committee, and served as vice chair of the Faculty and Senate Consultative Committees.
Lynn Zentner is the director of the Office of Institutional Compliance and director of the University’s Conflict of Interest Program. She serves as an ex officio on the Senate Research Committee.

SHIFTING FACULTY DEMOGRAPHICS:
Are tenure and academic freedom at risk?

Panelists:
David Bernlohr, Distinguished McKnight University Professor and Cargill Chair in Systems Biology of Human Metabolism, is the head of the Department of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology and Biophysics in the College of Biological Sciences and the Medical School.

Carol Chomsky, professor of law and associate dean of academic affairs, participated in faculty governance at the University of Minnesota from 1994 to 2012, including service as member and chair of the Faculty and Senate Consultative Committees, member and chair of the Tenure Subcommittee, member of the Senate Committee on Faculty Affairs, and vice chair of the Senate.

Karen Miksch, associate professor of higher education and law in the College of Education and Human Development, researches legal and policy issues related to academic freedom and is the current co-chair of the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee.

Jean K. Quam, professor of social work and dean of the College of Education and Human Development, served as associate dean and dean when departments from three different colleges came together to create a new college.
SENATE CENTENNIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Marti Hope Gonazales, chair and associate professor, Department of Psychology, College of Liberal Arts

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