

## Faculty Senate Meeting with the Provost

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### Remarks by Provost Bruce:

Provost Bruce spoke about the SACSCOC reaffirmation coming in 2025. We were selected for differentiated review, in v  
#0 September 2025. We have a record number of applications and admissions to Tech, th  
The Provost's office completed the long and arduous fall work year.

Faculty are concerned that they are either not meeting a standard or are not certain how to report their graduate teaching hours. For example, are summer graduate hours included? Provost Bruce will follow up on this topic.

Topic 3: Changes to

a.m. The decision to cancel is always made carefully and with safety top of mind, but it is not taken lightly because canceling classes is a disruption. It is a team/group effort with lots of careful consideration and input before this outcome is reached. In this case, the inclement weather hit while many were already off campus, making it even harder for more to consider making it to campus safely. One senator asked about the option to go virtual since we are all aware of how to do that post-pandemic, but the Provost pointed out that not all can go virtual from their many varied locations, including instructors who may not have the appropriate materials on hand from home. Because of the great possibility of inequity, we cannot ask all to go virtual without notice.

- 3. What is the purpose of requesting bragging points from faculty weekly? Most of us are not in fields where we get state-level awards or grants/contracts weekly. In addition, as faculty members, we are not recruiting or fundraising professionals so it is unclear why we are being asked to report those things weekly. From a faculty standpoint, reporting yearly would make more sense since we report our goals and accomplishments yearly anyway.**

Provost Bruce is not asking anyone to demand that of their faculty weekly; she asks weekly in Dean's Council so that she will have bragging/talking points for meetings she may have outside the university or with other administrators. One senator expressed this is happening in their department and that it does not help morale.

- 4. Why do administrative/financial associates, etc. not evaluate their immediate supervisors?**

Provost Bruce will follow up with the vendor that surveyed staff. She believes they