TO: Senators and Executives

FROM: Charles E. Mason, Vice President
University Faculty Senate

SUBJECT: Regular Faculty Senate Meeting December 7, 2009

In accordance with Section IV, paragraph 6 of the Constitution, the regular meeting of the University Faculty Senate will be held on Monday, December 7, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in 104 Gore Hall.

I certify that hard copies of the approval page for each undergraduate and graduate studies academic item on the agenda are filed in the Faculty Senate Office with the appropriate
signatures of approval up through the Chair of the Faculty Senate Coordinating Committee on Education. The Agenda will be as follows:

AGENDA

I. Adoption of the Agenda

II. Approval of the Minutes: November 2, 2009

III. Remarks: Provost Tom Apple

IV. Announcements: Senate President Cihan Cobanoglu

Maureen Querey – Manager, Office of Equity and Inclusion

II. Item for Information: Breadth Requirement Memo (attachment)

VI. Consent Agenda

1. Announcements for Challenge:

   a. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Robert Opila, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (John Madsen, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Cihan
Cobanoglu, Chair) for the request to add a Non Thesis option to the MS in Bioresources Engineering (attachment)

VII. Regular Agenda:

1. Unfinished Business: None

2. New Business: None

3. Resolutions:

   a. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (Robert Opila, Chair) and the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (Beth Morling, Chair) with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (John Madsen, Chair) and the Executive Committee (Cihan Cobanoglu, Chair) for the request to add a 4+1 program in Civil and Environmental Engineering (attachment)

   Whereas, the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering has offered successful programs leading toward the Bachelor of Civil Engineering degree and the Bachelor of Environmental Engineering degree, providing graduates with the skills needed to enter the profession at an entry level, and

   Whereas, the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering has offered a separate and successful Master of Civil
Engineering degree, providing students with more advanced training in their chosen field of specialty, and

Whereas, industry is demanding more advanced training and education of our engineering students and there is a need to provide alternative, cost-effective, and accelerated programs for obtaining the Masters degree in Civil Engineering, and

Whereas, a 4+1 Bachelors/Masters program will provide students with the advanced skills needed in a shorter amount of time, be it therefore

Resolved, that the Faculty Senate recommends that a new 4+1 program be established provisionally for five years that will allow students to complete the Bachelor of Civil/Environmental Engineering and the Master of Civil Engineering degrees concurrently.