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Subject: RE: Representation of Cascades Faculty as Separate Unit in OSU Faculty Senate.

Hi Walt - Thanks for soliciting input.

I support the faculty's request, mostly because it seems to reflect two things:

1. They want to be involved in Faculty Senate, which I think is a very good thing
2. They must not feel like they are currently well-represented in Faculty Senate

I'm not sure it will make a substantive difference in our representation, since many of our faculty have run successfully through their home departments. In fact, we could probably get MORE faculty from OSU-Cascades on Faculty Senate using the current apportionment if they can run successfully through their departments, but symbolically this must be important to them. They've said that when they are elected through their departments they feel like they have to "represent" their departments and not OSU-Cascades. If they were elected through an OSU-Cascades apportionment unit, they could represent OSU-Cascades faculty. There are very, very few issues that are unique to OSU-Cascades, because we ARE OSU, but there have been a few. One example is the ability for an OSU-Cascades junior or senior to take lower division courses at COCC and have them count as "in residence." Obviously OSU-Corvallis students can take lower division courses and have them count, and OSU-Cascades students don't have any choice but to take those lower division courses at COCC. Despite taking this to the Academic Requirements Committee twice, we have not been able to get this changed. I'm not saying that having an OSU-Cascades apportionment unit will make a difference in what that particular committee does, but it's an example of the few things that might be different between the two campuses.

Hope this helps!

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