The items considered and the actions taken by the Academic Senate in 2015-2016 are summarized below.

UNIVERSITY POLICY & REVISIONS OF POLICY

- 10-20-15
  - Revision of Certificate Policy 85-08 (AS-976-15/CEPC)
- 12-5-15
  - Policy and Procedures for Responding to Allegations of Misconduct in Research, Scholarly, and Creative Activities (AS-974-15/FPPC)
- 3-3-16
  - Approved the revised Intellectual Property Policy (AS-944-14/FPPC)
- 3-17-16
  - Approved the revised Charge of the Faculty Advisory Committee on Technology (AS-989-15/EC)
- 4-7-16
  - Approved the Policy on Unmanned Aircraft Systems (AS-992-16/EC)

DEGREES, PROGRAMS, OPTIONS, CERTIFICATES, AND CREDENTIALS APPROVALS

- 11-12-15
  - Proposal: MS in Engineering Management (AS-973-15/CEPC/URC)
  - Proposal: Minor in Public Relations (AS-983-15/CEPC/URC)
  - Proposal: Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering Degree Program (AS-978-15/CEPC/URC)
  - Proposal: Master of Science in Engineering Management (AS-973-15/CEPC/URC)
- 3-17-16
  - Proposal: Minor in Korean Language & Culture (AS-984-15/CEPC/URC)
- 4-21-16
  - Proposal: Minor in Gerontology (AS-986-15/CEPC/URC)
  - Proposal: BA American Sign Language (ASL)-( AS-987-15/CEPC/URC)
- 5-5-16
  - Proposal: Minor Fashion Design (AS-988-15/CEPC/URC)

DISCONTINUANCES, NAME CHANGES, & SUSPENSIONS OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMS APPROVALS
• **11-12-15**
  - Discontinuance: **Reading/Language Arts Option in the MA in Ed Degree** Program and Specialist Credential (AS-975-15/CEPC/URC)
  - Discontinuance: **MA in Global Logistics** (AS-977-15/CEPC/URC)
  - Discontinuance: **Reading/Language Arts Option in the MA in Ed Degree Program** and Specialist Credential (AS-975-15/CEPC/URC)

• **2-4-16**
  - Discontinuance of the **Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree Program in Kinesiology** (AS-971-15/CEPC/URC)

• **4-21-16**
  - Discontinuance: **MFA in Theatre Arts, Option in Theatre Management** (AS-981-15/CEPC/URC)

**MISCELLANEOUS**

• 9-10-15, The Academic Senate selected four tenured faculty members to Provost Search Committee
• 10-29-15, Annual Academic Senate Retreat, “BEYOND THE NUMBERS: PLANNING TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF THE 21st CENTURY”
• 3-17-16, Annual Academic Senate spring Reception

**AWARDS**

The University Awards Committee selected the following faculty members for the 2015/16 awards:

a. **Distinguished Scholarly and Creative Achievement Award**
   - Christopher Lowe, Biological Sciences, CNSM
   - Hugh Wilford, History, CLA

b. **Distinguished Faculty Teaching Award**
   - Jake Wilson, sociology, CLA

c. **Early Career Excellence Award**
   - Theodore Stankowich, Biological Sciences, CNSM

d. **Distinguished Faculty Advising**
   - Jennifer Fleming, Journalism, CLA
   - Kay Lee-Fruman, Biological Sciences, CNSM

e. **Nicholas Perkins Hardeman Academic Leadership Award**
• The Nicholas Perkins Hardeman Award was not awarded this year.

f. **Outstanding Professor Award**
   • Clorinda Donato, RGRLL, CLA

g. **Community Service Award (Faculty)**
   • Kristine Zentgraf, Sociology, CLA

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The elected members of the 2015-2016 Executive Committee of the Academic Senate were:

Chair        Praveen Soni, Marketing  
Vice Chair   Norbert Schürer, English  
Secretary    Jody Cormack, Physical Therapy  
Member-at-Large Chris Brazier, Chemistry & Biochemistry  
Member-at-Large Jessica Pandya, Liberal Studies  
Member-at-Large Alexandra Jaffe, Linguistics  
Member-at-Large Sharon Olson, Center for International Education