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## Email to Staff Faculty Revision New Governance

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The Governance Commission has been working for more than a year and has put together information for you in preparation for the first senate meeting on Wednesday, September 17th in Riley Auditorium at 3:30 p.m. As you may remember, the commission was originally charged by the Senate and the Administrative Council to look at the University's governance system (keeping in mind the principles of participation, inclusiveness and representation that are affirmed as the core of Otterbein's system of governance) to help determine if Otterbein community members wanted to continue to be governed in this manner.

The Governance Commission used these guiding principles when a bill was approved at the 2/19/14 Senate meeting that gave the commission permission to explore representative models of governance. Since that time, the Governance Commission has worked with varying community members groups across campus to present a constituent group model that "right sizes the senate" and creates clear structure of what is "operational" and what is "university governance."

A short video explanation of the model can be viewed [HERE](#) (if you would like to see each slides individually, please downloaded the attachment called "Governance Commission update September 3, 2014").

The Governance Commission asks that all watch the video prior to the first Senate meeting of the 2014-2015 Academic Year. The commission has decided to present its recommendations in two parts. Part 1 will focus on the "constituents" model for senate, the size of senate, how individuals will be selected, and the functions of Senates. (Bylaws - Articles I - VI). Part 2 will be the rest of the bylaws that support the model, based on senate approval.

The commission is looking for open dialogue and feedback at the senate meeting and wants to be sure the campus community has the necessary materials. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact anyone on the commission.

Attached, you will find the original bill to create the governance commission, the commission membership, the approved bill and PowerPoint from the 2/19/14 senate meeting, the PowerPoint from the 4/23/14 senate meeting and the PowerPoint from the video explanation of the proposed new representative model.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and commitment to Otterbein Governance.