

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME ACADEMIC COUNCIL

MCKENNA HALL AUDITORIUM, APRIL 15, 2015 3:30-5:30 P.M.

AGENDA

1. **Prayer: Laura Carlson:** Honoring Cathy Pieronik, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, College of Engineering, and Director of the Women's Engineering Program at the University of Notre Dame; Academic Council member

2. **Approval of the minutes of the meeting of February 26, 2015 (attached)**

3. **Protection of Children Policy: Mike Desch, Chair, Faculty Affairs Committee: 2 attachments**

4. **Faculty Governance Discussion: Laura Carlson to introduce; Mike Desch to lead the discussion**

At the most recent executive committee meeting on 4/1/15, we took up the issue of faculty governance. This is a topic that has been very much in discussion, not only at Notre Dame but within higher education at large. The Executive Committee thought it would be helpful for the full council to begin to think about faculty governance within the university, and brainstormed the following list of questions:

(a) What is the faculty's perception of issues related to faculty governance at the University – at the departmental, college, and University levels?

(b) How should we proceed to examine the structure of faculty governance at each of these levels? There was a suggestion within the executive committee to take a very broad look: at committee structures, at committee composition, at the functions of the representatives.

We would like to open the floor to an initial discussion of a) whether such an investigation would be worthwhile; and b) if so, the process by which we may explore these issues.

Mike Desch as the Chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, will moderate the discussion. Then Faculty Affairs will meet and discuss the comments and suggestions and present a recommended course of action at the May 12th meeting.

5. **Committee meetings**

Undergraduate Studies: Auditorium

Advanced Studies: 106 McKenna

Faculty Affairs: 112-114 McKenna