

## SECRETARY'S REPORT NO. 385

### REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The University Senate met in regular session on Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 3:30 PM remotely via CarmenZoom, with President Kristina Johnson presiding. There were 107 voting senators in attendance (76 %). This report, along with the agenda, materials and verbatim recording constitute the minutes for this meeting.

The Senate:

1. Approved Secretary's Report #384.
2. Heard an update from President Johnson including
  - information concerning the university's management and monitoring of the COVID-19 cases on campus presented by Amy Fairchild, Dean of the College of Public Health.
  - initiatives around the innovation and entrepreneurship enterprise, and the building of diversity, equity and inclusion.
  - a plan to increase graduate students' stipends over the next year.
  - discussion about when to provide breaks in instruction during spring semester 2021.
3. Approved two proposals from the Council on Academic Affairs
  - Proposal to change the name of the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Science
  - Proposal to change the name of the Department of Theatre
4. Heard information about a newly created Graduate Ombuds position.

Respectfully submitted,



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Secretary of the University Senate