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Preliminary List for Discussion at Senate/Administration Dinner

Topic: Diversity in the Faculty and the Curriculum at SLC

1. The relationship SLC has with the New School and the Hunger Strike there. How does the Administration here feel about the situation there?
2. The lack of mention of diversity in the Strategic Plan along with the lack of diversity on the Strategic Planning Committees.
3. Why wasn't [REDACTED] offered a tenure-track position? If not that, then is the type of course she teaches important to the school? Will similar types of courses continue to be taught with her gone?
4. No faculty of color up for tenure this year. How that reflects on hiring 6-7 years ago.
5. What are the hiring processes? What efforts are made to bring faculty of color and diverse courses?
6. What type of mentoring, training, orientation, etc. is done for new faculty especially faculty of color? (In reference to retention of faculty of color as well as training professors to teach in the SLC environment.)
7. Content of courses.
8. Is the quality of courses compromised in order to offer a certain type of course?
9. How important is what the students want vs. what the administration wants?
10. What is diversity?
11. Lack of variety in certain subject areas, i.e. Asian/American studies and Latino/a studies.
12. There are too many good professors being let go.
13. Faculty reaction to the OAR newsletter.