

November 26, 2009, Senate Question Period

Question 2

Oral response to question submitted on September 24 by Senators Stevens and J. Welsh

Does the Vice-Principal (Academic) plan to replace the Diversity Advisor in his office, and if not, why?

Question 3

From Senator Christie

Principal Woolf has indicated to us that academic planning takes precedence over financial. Yet, in our departments we are making academic decisions now that are driven by financial constraints.

For example, all departments in Arts & Science have been told to construct 3-year budgets that include only full-time and continuing adjunct faculty. This means that courses taught by term adjuncts might be at risk. Some departments already "owe" Arts & Science thousands of dollars; however, most departments will be in debt to the Arts & Science Faculty by the third year.

Does Principal Woolf know what departments are being told by their deans? If yes, how can Principal Woolf claim that academic planning has priority?

Question 4

From Senator Stevens

How does the University propose to effectively manage a growing graduate student population and new graduate programs if staff positions are being reduced, eliminated, and/or changed from continuing to term appointments?