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Hello. The final Senate meeting of the year was productive as several resolutions were passed and the new Senators elected leadership for coming year. Andrew McMichael decided to retire as Senate Chairman after a productive tenure and we thank him for his service.

The Chair reported that President Ransdell has indicated that he will not follow the Budget Council's (or Senate's, see below) recommendation on ORP and that the University contribution to ORP retirement likely will fall below 5%.

The Regent reported that part of the new parking fee will be used to hire 11 new parking employees.

The Senate voted to create a Faculty Ombudsman.

The Senate passed a resolution calling for the University to fix its ORP retirement contributions to employees at 8.10 percent (which was the original percentage when the ORP program was created).

The Senate passed a resolution demanding that the Executive Committee draft and send a letter to the other University Senates affected by the ORP problem to create more unity in addressing the issue.

The new officers elected for the 2006-2007 University Senate term are:
Chairman, Michelle Hollis, Community College
Vice-Chairman, John All, Geography and Geology
Secretary, Heidi Pintner, Heidi Pintner

Thank you for a great year,
John

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