



March 18, 2019

Dear Members of the University Senate,

I am pleased to accept the following action passed by the University Senate on 11 March 2020:

- US19/20-11: Approval of Curriculum Report, Winter 2020

Further, I wish to express my appreciation for the quality of the discussion around both David Condon's presentation on open access and the update by Janet Woodruff-Borden and Jim Rawlins regarding the possibility of test optional admissions. It is a reminder of how dedicated we all are to fulfilling our academic mission and our ability to address the work at hand, while contemporaneously focusing on the university's response to Covid-19.

The outbreak of the coronavirus (Covid-19), demanded that the university activate its academic continuity plans, and align health and safety measures with those recommended by the CDC and the state. During the senate meeting a resolution was proposed that touched on elements of the university's response. While the resolution ultimately did not pass, I would like to recognize the substantive issues highlighted by the resolution and the concern and care expressed on the Senate floor. I wish to assure the members of the Senate that your concerns have been heard.

Thank you again for your hard work and contributions to our university.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Schill". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael H. Schill
President and Professor of Law