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This bulletin is arriving late because of the confluence of a number of deadlines facing your procrastinating president.

The University Senate will meet on Monday 4 March in Wang Lecture Hall 2.

Among the issues to be aired are a proposal to tie the minimum RA stipend to that of the TAs and GAs. GenEd is back. We will discuss whether to require a minimum grade of C in all GenEd courses, or whether that should be relaxed.

Now that there is a tentative contract between the UUP and the state, the grumbling is starting to be heard. The implications of the proposed contract can be spun many ways. One issue that has risen to the top is the elimination of the 1% discretionary salary increases that have traditionally been added to base salary. The pool is now smaller (0.5%), a fixed percentage is allocated towards staff, and as the increases are not added to base they are best seen as bonuses. Arty Shertzer will give an overview of the contract. However, for full details please attend the UUP meeting on Tuesday March 5 with the negotiating team.

Your president will present a much less confrontational “State of the Senate” address on Monday than he did last year.

Senate elections will be coming up in April. We are seeking nominations for at-large Senate seats, as well as for seats on the University Senate Standing Committees. Those interested in serving may self-nominate. You should have received an e-mail solicitation recently; if not, please contact Laurie Theobalt.

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