



# Drake University Convocation

September 16, 2010

## Klaus Bartschat — Faculty Senate President

**Curriculum is biggest challenge/most important issue for Faculty Senate this academic year**

- Revised/final reports from Drake Curriculum Task Force and University Curriculum Committee received in May 2010
- Process to combine recommendations of both groups into motions for Faculty Senate underway
- Vote by Faculty Senate to determine direction for curriculum

## Michael Renner — Provost

**Faculty positions**

- 19 new tenure-track and continuing term faculty for 2010-11
- 23 searches for 2011-12
- Recruit and retain nation's best faculty

**Sexual Assault and Coercion Task Force's recommendations**

- Implementation in progress
- New programming during Welcome Weekend
- One-page handout for incoming students
- New Web resources
- Funding for new position to develop programming

**Improvements to Technology**

- Security enhancements
- Updates to Banner DUSIS database system
- Replacement of web content management system and email system
- New data warehouse

## Vicky Payseur — Vice President, Business and Finance

**Budget management/monitoring**

- Especially critical this year
- Six years of surplus but getting complacent
- Resources pushed to limit with smaller tuition cushion

**Campus improvements**

- Turner Jazz Center completion
- Demolition of Mainstay
- Building signage



#### **Other initiatives**

- Creating Purchasing Department
- Implementing recommendations of Print/Copy/Paperless Committee
- Re-energizing Sustainability Committee
- Restructuring University debt
- Developing new policies and procedures

### **Tom Delahunt — Vice President, Admission and Financial Aid**

#### **Positive signs last year**

- Lowest acceptance rate — 65 percent
- Highest average GPA — 3.7
- Highest average ACT score — 27

### **John Smith — Vice President, Alumni and Development**

#### **Public launch of *distinctlyDrake* October 1**

- Ambitious vision: To be recognized as one of the very best institutions of higher education in United States
- Opportunity to transform the University
- Driving message: Love Drake
- Success rests largely on how confident we are of our ability to achieve vision
- Display our passion, commitment, confidence and love for Drake

#### **Long-term goals**

- Embrace the platform of public campaign
- Position the University's vision
- Seek investment from leadership donors
- Expand donor base

