BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

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The tenth meeting of the aculty Senate was held at p m ay in assenfeld's evine oss onference oom Senators <u>present</u> arc rettler hair William lesch Seth raden ra essel avid acobson arry airson obert oody eonard uellner ichard armentier avid akowski ovind Sreenivasan Ian Troen alcolm Watson Senators absent

ommittee to evise uman esources olicy ody ittell and ovind Sreenivasan should be informed of the University's interpretation of the law

The motion was passed for abstention

ne Senator explained his abstention by indicating his identification with the document submitted by an absent Senator that concluded with the observation that the proposed statement for adoption by the Senate does not further the objectives of the aculty Senate given the extant statements already approved. This Senator observed that the Senate should voice its concern for the continued suspension of the activities of and urge the dministration and to reach an agreement such that can return to its important work.

University's ntegrated lan

iven the importance and far reaching implications of the integrated lan Senators agreed that there should be faculty representation on the ommittee

The following motion passed unanimously

The Senate should have a representative at all meetings discussing the ntegrated lan

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The hair reported that he had been told by Scott emis Vice resident of uman esources that in no case are health benefits paid to retired faculty members after the age of This is the current universal practice and there are no exceptions The Senate will consider gathering data from other universities on this subject

Turnitin lagairism etection Software

ean of rts and Sciences dam affe and eneral ounsel udith Sizer attended the Senate meeting to discuss the use of Turnitin software for plagiarism detection. The ean described the pilot test for the service which took place during spring committee composed of faculty and TS representatives looked into possible detection services and Turnitin agreed to provide the University with free services for a semester in order to run a pilot test. There was he said no consensus in the responses to the service as deterrence to plagiarism. The ean said he looks to the Senate to make a recommendation to either move ahead or to set up a broader discussion. It is ultimately he said a faculty decision.

Senators expressed concern about copyright and privacy issues for students since papers reviewed by Turnitin software would become part of a database for other papers to be checked against. Senators asked what obligation faculty would have to inform students of the use of the software in their classes. The ean said faculty would have to make its use known to students on the course syllabus nother Senator asked if the University would be in legal danger if the software's assertion of plagiarism were disputed as Sizer said that in such cases the courts tend to support the university as long as appropriate rules have been followed. When asked how many other universities use plagiarism software the ean said that about schools including high schools do though most of randeis's peer institutions do not

The hair thanked the ean and the eneral ounsel for consulting the Senate on the subject

The following motion passed for abstention

That the ommittee on the Support of Teaching and the University urriculum ommittee be convened to consult broadly with faculty and students and to make a recommendation to the ean

The meeting adjourned at p m