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# Question

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**TO:** Senate  
**FROM:** John Galaty  
**SUBJECT:** Question on Expanding Accessibility of Senate Meetings  
**MEETING DATE:** December 7, 2011

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**PREAMBLE:** Recent discourse emerging out of the 10 November events emphasizes a sense of distance between the administration and the university community, and the feeling that the usual processes of consultation are not always effective. Senate processes, for instance, seem distant and irrelevant to many, although Senate sessions often discuss and debate issues of general relevance to the community. Although there is room for a certain number of guests, which demonstrates that the proceedings are in principle open to the university public, this does not appear to meet the interest many have in following Senate procedures.

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**QUESTION:** Given the enthusiasm and interest that welcomed the provision of electronic transmission of the Senate Meeting of November 16th, albeit under extraordinary circumstances and the constraints of space, would the Administration under the precedent provided by Parliamentary proceedings consider making Senate meetings more accessible through reconfiguration of the room or through some method of media transmission for those potential observers who cannot now access the Senate meeting room due to space limitations?

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