ULEC Membership

REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Senate Committee: Academic Policies

Brief History of Issue - why the issue is being considered:

At its October 12, 2010 meeting, the University Senate passed a motion approving the change in the function of the University Liberal Education Committee (ULEC). In the same motion was the following statement:

And that elections be held for all the positions on this committee in spring 2011 with staggered terms, and prior to the elections, alternative language for membership representation be considered by the Senate and to have the University Senate re-evaluate the language change of the membership and function of this committee after a period of one year.

Shown below is the current membership of ULEC:

Membership: The committee includes six faculty representatives from the College of Arts and Sciences, two faculty representatives from the College of Business, two faculty representatives from the College of Education and Human Sciences, and one faculty representative from the College of Nursing and Health Sciences. These representatives will be chosen by existing shared governance processes established through the bylaws of the respective schools or colleges. One student will be appointed by the Student Senate President in accordance with customary procedures. Faculty serve staggered three-year terms with approximately one-third of the representatives from each College being elected each year. The Provost and Vice Chancellor or designated representative shall serve as an ex officio non-voting member of the committee. (US 3/05)

In February 2011 the University Senate Executive Committee asked the Academic Policies Committee to examine the membership of ULEC and make a recommendation regarding changes that may be needed.

Points Discussed by Committee:

Over the years the workload of the University Liberal Education Committee (formerly University General Education Committee) has increased considerably, especially with the involvement of ULEC in the revision of the General Education program. APC concluded that the representation of the four colleges on the committee is appropriate, but the numbers need to be increased in view of greater workload. Specifically, we believe that the number of faculty representatives from the College of Arts and Sciences should be increased from six to seven and the number of faculty representatives from the College of Nursing and Health Sciences from one to two. In addition, given that University curricular graduation requirements as well as the GE program are the purview of ULEC, we believe that it is appropriate to add an ex officio representative from the Library to ULEC. This representation parallels the representation of the Library on APC.

Pros of Recommendation:

Given the workload of ULEC, additional members are needed.
To expedite the development of a proposal to revise the General Education program and other curricular changes, continuity of membership is advisable, so that approximately a third of the members, including the new members, would be elected in Spring of 2011.

Cons of Recommendation:

None

Technology/Human Resource Impact:

NA

Committee Recommendation:

That the proposed changes be implemented.

MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

by a vote of __8__ for to __0__ against on __February 15, 2011__ (Date)

Recommends that

The University Senate approve the change in the membership of the University Liberal Education Committee as follows: an increase from six to seven faculty representatives from the College of Arts and Sciences, an increase from one to two faculty representatives from the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, and the addition of a representative from the Library.

The text in the Faculty and Academic Staff Rules and Procedures, Part III: Bylaws, Article 1, University Faculty, Section D – Committee Organization, 5. University Liberal Education Committee, a. would read as follows:

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Implementation Date: upon approval

Signed: ___Barbara Lozar__________________
Chair of the Committee

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