REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Senate Committee: University Senate Executive Committee

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

There is inconsistency between the Faculty Rep / Academic Staff Rep positions and the Chair / Vice Chair positions. Currently the Faculty Rep must come from the faculty and the Academic Staff Rep must come from the academic staff. The Chair and Vice Chair positions, however, come from the University Faculty and the University Academic Staff.

Since all four positions serve on the Senate Executive Committee and participate in the Shared Governance Group and the Chancellor’s Cabinet, if the Chair/VC positions followed the Faculty/Academic Staff Rep positions, then it would be ensured that these important governance committees would have at least two representatives from each group of faculty and of academic staff. Under the current configuration, it is possible that such representation would not be guaranteed.

Points Discussed by Committee:

Faculty Personnel Committee and the Academic Staff Personnel Committee had no objections to the proposed change.

Pros of Recommendation:

Change will always ensure two faculty and two academic staff serve as officers, serve on the Exec committee, and attend the Shared Governance group and Chancellor’s cabinet.

Cons of Recommendation:

Some may think a con would be that IAS with faculty status would now be grouped with IAS without faculty status and with APAS in Chair/VC elections where previously they were grouped with Faculty.

Technology/Human Resource Impact:

Update to the Bylaws in the FASRaP

Committee Recommendation:

That the Bylaws be changed so the officers come from the faculty and academic staff rather than from the University Faculty and University Academic Staff.
MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The University Senate Committee: University Senate Executive Committee

by a vote of ___12___ for to _0__ against on ___February 21, 2012_____ (Date)

Recommends that:

The references to “University Faculty” and to “University Academic Staff” be changed to “Faculty” and “Academic Staff” in Part III: Bylaws of the University Faculty and University Academic Staff, Article Three: University Senate, Section Y – Officers of the University Senate [as approved in the Referendum, Spring 2012].

Actual Text of Motion:

Section Y – Officers of the University Senate

1. The University Senate shall elect a Chair-elect in April of the even-numbered years. The Chair-elect will serve on the Executive Committee for one year and then become Chair of the University Senate for two years, taking office July 1 in the odd-numbered years. The Chair-elect is to be elected from among the current members of the University Senate. The Senate will elect a Vice chair in the second April meeting of the odd-numbered years, and the Vice chair shall take office for two years beginning July 1. If the Chair-elect is a University Faculty member, then the Vice chair is to be elected from among the current University Academic Staff members of the University Senate. If the Chair-elect is a University Academic Staff member, then the Vice chair is to be elected from among the current University Faculty members of the University Senate. If the Senate term of either expires before the expiration of the term as a Senate officer, the officer becomes an ex officio (voting) member of the Senate for the remainder of the term of office. In these cases the original Senate membership will be filled following normal procedures. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Chair, the current Chair-elect (or if none, the Vice chair) shall assume the office of Chair. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Vice chair, the Senate shall elect a Vice chair to serve the unexpired term. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Chair-elect, the Senate shall elect a Chair-elect to serve the unexpired term.

2. The Chair of the University Senate shall serve as the representative of the University Faculty and the University Academic Staff at official occasions and functions. The Chair of the University Senate will serve as the Chair of the Senate Executive Committee and will continue as a voting member for one year after the completion of the term as Senate Chair.

3. The secretary of the University Senate is a member of the regular clerical staff at the University.

Implementation Date: Immediate; Publication date, July 2012

Signed: ________________________________

Chair of the Committee