

Notes from By-Laws and Election Committee Meeting, April 8, 1981

1. Consideration of reorganization of Faculty Senate as a result of the university reorganization. Eligibility lists must be updated and reorganized as required by University reorganization. Each college is allowed one senator per ten eligible faculty members. Each department or equivalent has one representative. The number of departmental representatives subtracted from the total number allowed determines the number of at-large senators for the college. If this remainder is less than 10 or is a negative number, the college will be represented by the departmental senators only. This will have to be applied to each college, effected by currently proposed changes, if passed, and other possible changes in departmental decisions. This reorganization will probably be a first priority for Fall or this Summer.
2. Discussion on a Constitutional Admendment stating the Faculty Senate's relationship to COSFL. A constitutional change could require $\frac{2}{3}$ faculty senate approval, presidential and Board of Regents approval.
3. Presentation of University ID in order to vote seems to be a reasonable and workable system. Committee does not seem to feel a need for a change in this procedure.
4. Fact finding project to assess the accuracy of committee descriptions. A suggested procedure:
 - a. The committee to discuss each committee.
 - b. Committee may interview current committees and past chairpersons to determine actual committee concerns.
 - c. May question needs for ^{certain} standing committees.

Note: Wish to make a point that the Chair of the Senate should take the responsibility of assuring that standing and ad hoc committees are functioning. This responsibility should be discharged on a monthly basis.

Note: The Faculty Senate should point out to the President of the University that the Committee on Committees has not been called upon to function during the recent selections of important University committees (The Committee of 75 and The Vice-Presidents' Committee of 10).

- d. Revisions, eliminations or additions of committees be presented to the Faculty Senate.

5. Provisions be written for requirements of First and Second headings for the consideration of matters of substance before the Senate. Probably a By-laws rather than a Constitutional Amendment. It was suggested that the determination of matters of substance be made by the executive committee or the chairperson.
6. Question of Observers being able to vote was discussed at length. It seems that at this time the concept of observers is no longer valid and a provision for an alternate be made. Alternates would be allowed a vote and a formal means of determining the alternates be resolved. Suggestions:
 - a. Runner-up in the departmental and at-large elections would serve as alternates for the person elected in the respective elections.
 - b. Out-going senators would serve as alternates.

Note: Concept of alternates is that this person would be informed and have been selected in some way by those he/she represents.

Next action of this committee is to get a representative from the Business College and to elect a chairperson. Let's try to have 100% attendance at the May meeting which is on April 30 and elect the chairperson.

Since our meeting, I have talked to Don Bailey and our concerns in regard to the reorganization of the University have been discussed by the Executive Committee. I have been asked to

write out our concerns showing how the recent action would affect the Faculty Senate. This will be discussed at the meeting of the chairpersons in two weeks. The feeling of the Executive Committee was that the elections were conducted in good faith and Senate V is formed and realignment would come with the election of Senate VI. Action regarding this matter will come from the By-Laws Committee.

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