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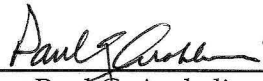
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TO: President Robert L. Carothers

FROM: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL, titled Changes to Centers and Partnerships Regulations: Sections 8.90.21, 8.90.22 and 8.90.30 of the University Manual, is forwarded for your consideration.
2. The original and two copies for your use are included.
3. This BILL was adopted by vote of the Faculty Senate on January 30, 2003.
4. After considering this bill, will you please indicate your approval or disapproval. Return the original or forward it to the Board of Governors, completing the appropriate endorsement below.
5. In accordance with Section 10, paragraph 4 of the Senate's By-Laws, this bill will become effective February 20, 2003 three weeks after Senate approval, unless: (1) specific dates for implementation are written into the bill; (2) you return it disapproved; (3) you forward it to the Board of Governors for their approval; or (4) the University Faculty petitions for a referendum. If the bill is forwarded to the Board of Governors, it will not become effective until approved by the Board.

January 31, 2003
(date)



Paul G. Arakelian
Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

ENDORSEMENT

TO: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

FROM: President of the University

Returned.

- a. Approved
- b. Approved subject to final approval by Board of Governors
- c. Disapproved

2/12/03
(date)



President

Recommendations of the Council for Research Partnership Review Committee

As amended by the Faculty Senate on January 30, 2003

In consultation with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, the Partnership Review Committee of the Council for Research recommends the following changes to sections of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL on Centers and Partnerships.

Proposed Section 8.90.21 (changes are in **boldface**)

8.90.21 Temporary Authorization for Centers. Centers, including institutes, bureaus, and partnerships, may be authorized to operate for an initial three-year period by the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs of the University who shall make the decision in consultation with the Vice Provost for Graduate Studies, Research and Outreach, **the Council for Research**, the Dean(s) of the faculty associated with the proposed center, and the Chairs of the faculty members associated with the proposed center, who will have brought the proposal to the department as a whole for their recommendations. **The Council for Research will review proposals for temporary Partnerships and make recommendations to the Provost based on the potential for intellectual contributions, utilization of undergraduate and graduate students, interdepartmental or intercollege involvement, and external funding. Each new temporary Partnership will receive support from the university only during its initial three years.**

Existing Section 8.90.21

8.90.21 Temporary Authorization for Centers. Centers, including institutes, bureaus, and partnerships, may be authorized to operate for an initial three year period by the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs of the University who shall make the decision in consultation with the Vice Provost for Graduate Studies, Research and Outreach, the Dean(s) of the faculty associated with the proposed center, and the chairs of the faculty members associated with the proposed center who will have brought the proposal to the department as a whole for their recommendations.

Changes:

1. The Council for Research is added to those with whom the Provost consults before declaring a temporary center, institute, partnership, etc.
2. Details on the establishment of temporary partnerships are included in the UNIVERSITY MANUAL:
 - a. Review and recommendations by the Council for Research is stated,
 - b. Selection criteria are stated,
 - c. Three-year limit on funding is explicit.

Proposed Section 8.90.22 (changes are in **boldface**)

8.90.22 Continuing Authorization for Centers. **Continuing** authorization to operate centers, institutes, bureaus, or partnerships, including authorization to operate after an initial three-year period described in 8.90.21, shall be subject to review by units and departments involved in the center as well as review by the colleges of the involved departments **during their third year**. Following college review, proposals shall be forwarded with departmental and college recommendations to the Council for Research for consideration. The Council shall recommend to the Faculty Senate action on center proposals **based on program quality, research, outreach, or educational activities, involvement of undergraduate and graduate students, interdepartmental or intercollege connections, and potential for continued external funding, as appropriate for the mission and goals of the center.**

Existing Section 8.90.21

8.90.22 Permanent Authorization for Centers. Permanent authorization to operate centers, institutes, bureaus, or partnerships, including authorization to operate after an initial three year period described in 8.90.21, shall be subject to review by units and departments involved in the center as well as review by the colleges of the involved departments. Following college review, proposals shall be forwarded with departmental and college recommendations to the Council for Research for consideration. The Council shall recommend to the Faculty Senate action on center proposals.

Changes:

1. The concept of "permanent" is replaced by "continuing."
2. A review during the third year is now mandated.
3. Criteria for recommending the change from temporary to continuing status are stated.

Proposed Section 8.90.30 (changes are in **boldface**)

8.90.30 Review. **Once granted continuing status, centers**, including institutes, bureaus, and partnerships, shall be reviewed **every seven years** by the Council for Research who shall submit recommendations, including recommendations for **further continuation or dissolution**, to the Faculty Senate **based on overall program quality, research, outreach, or educational contributions, financial support of student involvement, interdepartmental or intercollege involvement, and continued external funding, as appropriate for the mission and goals of the center.**

Existing Section 8.90.30

8.90.30 Review. Centers, including, institutes, bureaus and partnerships, shall be reviewed every three years by the Council for Research who shall submit recommendations, including recommendations for continuation or dissolution, to the Faculty Senate.

Changes:

1. A seven-year cycle for review consistent with the Board of Governors and the Program Quality review cycle replaces heretofore unworkable three-year review cycle.
2. Criteria for recommending continuation or dissolution are stated.