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Authorization of a Referendum of the General Faculty to Amend the Constitution of the Faculty Senate.

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Faculty Senate

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TO: President Robert L. Carothers
FROM: Michael A. Rice, Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

- 1. The attached BILL, titled Authorization of a Referendum of the General Faculty to Amend the Constitution of the Faculty Senate, 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 September 28, 2006.
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 October 19, 2006 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.

September 29, 2006
(date)

[Signature]
Michael A. Rice
Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

ENDORSEMENT

TO: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

FROM: President of the University

Returned.

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

10/11/06
(date)

[Signature]
President



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On September 28, 2006, the Faculty Senate approved the following motion as amended:

That the Faculty Senate authorize a referendum of the faculty to amend Article III Membership of the Faculty Senate Constitution to read as follows (a ~~strike through~~ indicates deletions, change is in **boldface**):

Article III. Membership.

1. The Senate shall consist of designated ex officio administrative members, ex officio student members and of elected members of the full-time teaching, library, research and extension faculty, chosen in the approximate ratio of one senator for each 10 full-time faculty members... The President, the Provost, the ~~Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, the Vice Provost for Graduate Education, Research and Outreach, the Vice Provost for Urban Programs,~~ **Vice Provosts**, the ~~Vice Presidents for Administration, the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Vice President for University Advancement,~~ **Vice Presidents** for Administration, the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Vice President for University Advancement, the Deans of the colleges and schools, the Dean of Admissions and the President or in his/her absence, the Vice President of the Student Senate and the President or in his/her absence, the Vice President of the Graduate Student Association shall be members of the Senate ex officio without the right to vote, but with the right to make and second motions...

The referendum will include the following proposed amendment to Article VII, paragraph 5 (change is in **boldface**):

5. Changes to the **provisions determining** Faculty Senate membership can be made only in accordance with the referendum process as outlined in Article VII, 1 and 2, of this Constitution.