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Addition of New Section 6.3 of the Faculty Senate By-Laws Regarding Appointments to Committees

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August 2, 1974

Dr. Albert Lott, Chairman  
Faculty Senate  
E. Roosevelt Hall

Dear Al:

I am enclosing Faculty Senate Bill No. 73-74--46, "Addition of New Section 6.3 of the Faculty Senate By-Laws Regarding Appointments to Committees," indicating that I approved this Bill in July after I received your letter of July 7, 1974, which you sent in response to my request for a clarification of the provisions of the Bill. My letter of May 29, 1974 to Dr. Klein, former Chairman of the Senate, and your response of July 7, will be retained together with a copy of the Bill filed in the Office of the President for future reference if necessary.

I apologize for transmitting this information to you at this late date, due to my own inadvertence, it was overlooked in my office.

Sincerely,

William R. Ferrante  
Acting President

Enclosure
TO:  Acting President William R. Ferrante
FROM:  Chairman of the Faculty Senate

1. The Attached BILL, titled Addition of New Section 6.3 of the Faculty Senate By-Laws Regarding Appointments to Committees.

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 May 16, 1974.

4. After considering this bill, will you please indicate your approval or disapproval. Return the original or forward it to the Board of Regents, completing the appropriate endorsement below.

5. In accordance with Section 8, paragraph 2 of the Senate's By-Laws, this bill will become effective on June 6, 1974, 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 Regents for their approval; or (4) the University Faculty petitions for a referendum. If the bill is forwarded to the Board of Regents, it will not become effective until approved by the Board.

ENDORSEMENT

TO: Chairman of the Faculty Senate
FROM: President of the University

1. Returned.
2. Approved ______________. Disapproved ______________.
3. (If approved) In my opinion, transmittal to the Board of Regents is not necessary.

Date: July 15, 1974

(signed)

President
ALTERNATE ENDORSEMENT 1.

TO: Chairman of the Board of Regents.
FROM: The University President

1. Forwarded.

2. Approved.

(date) ____________________________ /s/____________________

---President---

ENDORSEMENT 2.

TO: Chairman of the Faculty Senate
FROM: Chairman of the Board of Regents, via the University President.

1. Forwarded.

(date) ____________________________ /s/____________________

---(Office)---

ENDORSEMENT 3.

TO: Chairman of the Faculty Senate
FROM: The University President

1. Forwarded from the Chairman of the Board of Regents.

(date) ____________________________ /s/____________________

---President---

Original received and forwarded to the Secretary of the Senate and Registrar for filing in the Archives of the University.

(date) ____________________________ /s/____________________

Chairman of the Faculty Senate
On May 16, 1974, the Faculty Senate approved the addition of the following New Section 6.3 of the By-Laws:

6.3 The Chairman of the Senate with the advice of the Executive Committee and the consent of the Senate shall recommend faculty members for appointment to those University Standing Committees, Councils and Boards, for which faculty representation is stipulated in the University Manual. The Senate's action shall be limited to consenting to the appointees for each committee or referring the matter back to the Chairman and the Executive Committee.

The Senate shall elect faculty members to represent the General Faculty, when requested to do so by appropriate authorities. The Executive Committee shall present two nominations for each position to be filled by election. At the meeting at which an election is conducted, nominations from the floor shall be in order.
June 7, 1974

Dr. William R. Ferrante  
Acting President  
Administration Building  

Dear Bill:  

The Executive Committee and I have reviewed the questions you raised about Faculty Senate Bill #73-74--46, "Addition of New Section 6.3 of the Faculty Senate By-Laws Regarding Appointments to Committees." Let me try to answer them.  

This proposed new section was designed to provide Senate guidelines for selection of faculty members to new or atypical committees that periodically emerge during the course of University governance over the years. It was further intended to apply to only the Faculty Senate and not to change in any way the composition or selection procedures specified in the University Manual. For this reason we feel that only the Senate By-Laws and not the University Manual should reflect the change. In other words, the Faculty Senate was not attempting to inject itself into every official or customary committee practice as now specified. It was simply trying to provide a mechanism for itself to deal with the selection of faculty members to unusual committees when requested to do so by appropriate authorities. The second paragraph of the proposed 6.3 was created for this purpose.  

Thus, for the above reasons, each of your three questions would be answered in the negative.  

Sincerely,  

Albert J. Bost, Chairman  
Faculty Senate  

AL/tb
Dear Maury:

This letter is in reference to the Faculty Senate bill #73-74-46 titled "Addition of New Section 6.3 of the Faculty Senate By-Laws Regarding Appointments to Committees". I have three questions regarding this bill, all of which should be clarified before the bill is approved and enacted:

(1) Is it intended that the provisions of this bill would apply when faculty membership on University Standing Committees is not stipulated in the University Manual? For example, the University Manual description of the Parking and Traffic Committee, section 5.47.10 does not specify faculty membership. On the other hand it has been the practice to include faculty members on this committee.

(2) Is it intended that this bill would change the procedures which have been established for selecting faculty members on committees, such as the Teaching Effectiveness Grants Committee, (section 5.53.12) where the selection procedures are specified?

(3) The intent of the bill is to amend the by-laws of the Faculty Senate. It appears to me it would be more appropriate if this bill is approved that it become a part of the University Manual and not the by-laws of the Faculty Senate. My reasoning is that the by-laws of the Faculty Senate would not be binding on any appointing authority acting outside of the Faculty Senate. In other words, if the president were appointing a committee he need not follow the by-laws of the Faculty Senate since he is not acting for the Faculty Senate and therefore would not be under the jurisdiction of the by-laws of the Faculty Senate. Do you think that this matter should be clarified?

Sincerely,

William R. Ferrante
Acting President