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FACULTY SENATE
BILL

Adopted by the Faculty Senate

TO: President Edward D. Eddy
FROM: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL, titled Initiation of a Referendum to Amend Article III of the Faculty Senate Constitution

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 March 21, 1985 (date).

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 on April 11, 1985 (date), 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.

March 22, 1985 (date) 
Frank M. White 
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

4/1/85 (date)

Edward D. Eddy 
President

Form revised 10/83
On February 15, 1985, Assistant Vice President Swan wrote to the Executive Committee requesting that the Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid be made an ex officio non-voting member of the Faculty Senate. In support of her request, Assistant Vice President Swan wrote "Dean Taggart is a member of the Council of Deans and has responsibilities commensurate with those of people who serve as deans of the Colleges. Since the President has identified admissions as a top priority at the University and since this deanship requires knowledge of and involvement in the many areas which fall under the purview of the Faculty Senate, I am asking that Dean Taggart be made a member of the Faculty Senate ex officio without the right to vote, but with the right to make and second motions."

The Executive Committee concurs with Assistant Vice President Swan and recommends that the Faculty Senate initiate a referendum of the general faculty to amend Article III of the Faculty Senate Constitution to read as proposed (changes are underlined):

**EXISTING**

**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. For the purpose of determining the number of senators to be elected by a college, the library or other unit of the faculty authorized to conduct elections, part-time faculty members shall be counted according to the fraction of full-time which they serve. Any professor, associate professor, assistant professor, or instructor of the full-time teaching, library, research and extension faculty may be elected a member of the Senate. The Senate will provide means by which all eligible faculty members not in a college or the library have the opportunity to vote and to be candidates for election. The President, the Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Vice President for Business and Finance, the Vice President for Student Affairs, the deans of the colleges and schools, the Dean of the Graduate School, the Dean of the College of Continuing Education, the Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, the Registrar and the President or in his absence, the Vice President of the Student Senate and the President or in his 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. Other officers of administration, including personnel deans, the Director of Admissions, and the directors and assistant directors of the University administrative divisions shall not be eligible for election to the Senate.

**PROPOSED**

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. For the purpose of determining the number of senators to be elected by a college, the library or other unit of the faculty authorized to conduct elections, part-time faculty members shall be counted according to the fraction of full-time which they serve. Any professor, associate professor, assistant professor, or instructor of the full-time teaching, library, research and extension faculty may be elected a member of the Senate. The Senate will provide means by which all eligible faculty members not in a college or the library have the opportunity to vote and to be candidates for election. The President, the Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Vice President for Business and Finance, the Vice President for Student Affairs, the deans of the colleges and schools, the Dean of the Graduate School, the Dean of the College of Continuing Education, the Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, the Registrar and the President or in his absence, the Vice President of the Student Senate and the President or in his 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. Other officers of administration, including personnel deans and the directors and assistant directors of the University administrative divisions shall not be eligible for election to the Senate.
6. The Executive Committee directed to write to John Long, Chairperson of the Research Policy and Facilities Committee, informing him that the Executive Committee is also concerned about research leadership and administration and has taken the following steps in this regard: a) they met with Mr. Howard and Professor Gutchen on this matter, b) a March 2 Forum on Research Administration is being planned, and c) Research Administration has been identified as a topic for discussion with President Eddy.

7. The Executive Committee discussed a February 15 memorandum from Vice President Swan recommending that the Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid become an ex officio non voting member of the Faculty Senate. Following discussion, it was agreed to recommend that the Faculty Senate initiate a referendum to amend Article III of the Faculty Senate Constitution by adding the Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid as an ex officio non voting member of the Faculty Senate.

It was further agreed to invite Dean Taggart to the March 18 Executive Committee Meeting to discuss his plans for the Office of Admissions.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Black Grubman