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Constitution, By-Laws and University Manual Committee Report on Centers: Sections 8.90.10-8.90.23 of the University Manual

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

1. The attached BILL, titled Constitution, By-Laws and University Manual Committee Report on Centers: Sections 8.90.10-8.90.28 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 September 19, 1985.

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 10, 1985, 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.

Richard Katula
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

9/24/85

President

Form revised 10/83
In response to a request from the Executive Committee for clarification of the legislation on the establishment of centers, etc., the CBUM Committee recommends that the Faculty Senate approve the following amendments to University Manual sections 8.90.10 - 8.90.22 and the addition of a new 8.90.23:

**8.90.10 Centers.** For 8.90.10-23, the term "centers" shall be understood to refer also to institutes, bureaus, consortiums and other similar entities. Centers shall provide interdisciplinary coordination either within a college or across college lines directed at an issue beyond the scope of a single discipline. They may comprise many different disciplines or they may be single discipline based with secondary emphasis on contributing disciplines. The principal function shall be generally research oriented; however, in some instances, their missions may include instruction and/or service as components.

**8.90.20 Procedures for the Establishment of Centers.** All centers shall originate with and be subject to approval by the faculties representing the disciplines concerned and shall be subject to approval of the appropriate college(s). Following college approval, proposals for the creation of centers shall be forwarded to the Faculty Senate Research Policy and Facilities Committee for consideration. Where consensus cannot be obtained within or among the colleges or disciplines, the Faculty Senate Research Policy and Facilities Committee shall report the situation to the Faculty Senate for resolution.

**8.90.21** New centers shall be considered as individual entities and not tied to the demise or expansion of other centers. Proposals for the creation of new centers shall include, but not be limited to: 1) the name of the center; 2) an explanation of goals; 3) a description of the center's governance; 4) a rationale for the center and a general description of its relationship to other appropriate units of the University. The proposal shall further include a budget with personnel and space requirements, as well as amount and source of seed money. Procedures for the termination of the center or assumption of full fiscal responsibilities by the University shall be included in the proposal. In addition, a brief paragraph describing the center for inclusion in the University Manual shall be provided. Proposals for centers shall follow the format required for submission to the Board of Governors for Higher Education; proponents of centers should be aware, however, that they are required to present information to the Faculty Senate which need not be included in the document to be submitted to the Board of Governors.

8.90.22 Following review of proposals for the creation of new centers by the Research Policy and Facilities Committee, recommendations shall be forwarded to the Faculty Senate for action.

8.90.23 In case of dispute, it shall be the responsibility of the Research Policy and Facilities Committee to determine whether sections 8.90.10-22 apply to the establishment of a new center. Existing sections 8.90.10 - 8.90.22 are attached for information.
Centers, Institutes, and Bureaus

8.90.10 Centers, Institutes, and Bureaus shall provide interdisciplinary coordination either within a college or across college lines directed at an issue beyond the scope of a single discipline. They may comprise many different disciplines or they may be single discipline based with secondary emphasis on contributing disciplines. The principal function shall be generally research oriented; however, in some instances, their missions may include instruction and/or service as components of equal importance.

8.90.20 Procedures for the Establishment of Centers, Institutes, and Bureaus. All centers, institutes, and bureaus shall originate with and be subject to approval by the faculties representing the disciplines concerned and shall be subject to approval of the appropriate colleges. Following college approval, proposals for the creation of centers, institutes, or bureaus shall be forwarded to the Faculty Senate Research Policy and Facilities Committee for consideration. Where consensus cannot be obtained within or among the colleges or disciplines, the Faculty Senate Research Policy and Facilities Committee shall report the situation to the Faculty Senate for resolution.

8.90.21 New centers, institutes, or bureaus shall be considered as individual entities and not tied to the demise or expansion of other centers. Proposals for the creation of new centers, institutes, and bureaus shall include a general explanation of the goals of the center, a rationale for the center, and a general description of its relationship to other appropriate units of the University. The proposal shall further include a budget with personnel and space requirements, as well as amount and source of seed money. In addition, procedures for the termination of the center or assumption of full fiscal responsibilities by the University shall be included in the proposal.

8.90.22 Following review of proposals for the creation of new centers, institutes, or bureaus by the Research Policy and Facilities Committee, recommendations shall be forwarded to the Faculty Senate. The Research Policy and Facilities Committee shall act on proposals not requiring review under section 8.85.24.