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Amendment to Section 7.3 of the By-Laws of the Faculty Senate

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TO: President Edward D. Eddy  
FROM: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate  
1. The attached BILL, titled Amendment to Section 7.3 of the By-Laws 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 November 9, 1989.  
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 November 30, 1989, 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.

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  

      November 10, 1989  
      (date)  

      Edward D. Eddy  
      President  

Form revised 4/86
Over the past several years, The Faculty Senate has approved Faculty Senate meeting schedules which do not strictly adhere to the guidelines established in section 7.3 of the Faculty Senate By-Laws. The existing section provides that the Faculty Senate shall meet twice each month on the second and fourth Thursdays.

Because Thanksgiving falls on the fourth Thursday of November, the Senate has been meeting once in November on the second Thursday. In December, the fourth Thursday has frequently been during the final examination period or during the holiday recess and the Senate has scheduled only one meeting in December. In addition, the beginning of the fall and spring semesters have made it difficult to fit two meetings in the months of September and January, and the Senate has only met once in each of these months.

The Executive Committee recommends that the Faculty Senate amend Section 7.3 of the Faculty Senate By-Laws to read as follows to provide for more flexibility in the scheduling of Faculty Senate meetings:

7.3 Regular Faculty Senate Meetings shall be held at least once each month during the academic year on the second and/or fourth Thursday.

Since changes in the Faculty Senate By-Laws may not be voted upon at the meeting they are first moved, this motion was introduced on October 26, 1989 and approved on November 9, 1989.