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Constitution, By-Laws and University Manual Committee Report #98-99-3

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TO: President Robert L. Carothers

FROM: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL, titled Constitution, By-Laws and University Manual Committee Report #98-99-3

   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 April 22, 1999.

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 May 13, 1999, 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.

   April 23, 1999
   (date)

   Leland Jackson
   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 __

   5/13/99
   (date)

President

Form revised 9/98
The Constitution, By-Laws and University Manual Committee considered the following matters which are now presented to the Faculty Senate.

I. INFORMATIONAL MATTERS

A. Editorial Change to 8.54.12 of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL

During a review of Chapter 8 of the University Manual, it was noted that section 8.54.12 was unclear with regard to changes in section 8.53.10 and the addition of section 8.53.12 which had been approved by the Faculty Senate during the 1997-98 academic year. In consultation with the Registrar, the CBUM Committee has revised the third sentence of section 8.54.12 to read as follows (change is in boldface):

...If the instructor does not submit a grade (as listed in section 8.53.10), the Registrar shall be authorized to use the designation "NR" (Not Reported) on the end-of-semester grade reports and on the permanent record...

B. Clarification of Centers legislation in the UNIVERSITY MANUAL

Last fall, the CBUM Committee drafted a series of additional paragraphs on "centers" which were forwarded to appropriate administrators and to the Council for Research for review and advice. In addition, the CBUM Committee attempted to clarify the terms "Centers, etc." and has sought advice on arriving at a consensus on the use of various terms.

This spring, in response to questions raised by the Provost, the CBUM Committee wrote to Provost Swan outlining the intent of the various paragraphs and seeking advice about drafting legislation that was clear, acceptable and appropriate. Discussions will continue into the next academic year.

C. Consistency between CATALOG and 8.20.50, 8.20.61 and 8.22.10 of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL

In response to a request from Assistant Dean Rockett, the CBUM Committee drafted a revised paragraph to CATALOG that conformed with existing sections of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL.

D. Inclusion of the University Policy on Funded Research Conflict of Interest into Appendix G of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL
The CBUM Committee was informed that the University’s Conflict of Interest Policy, approved in October 1995, had never been included in Appendix G of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL, although it did appear on the University’s Research website. It was noted that the policy was under revision by the Research Office in conjunction with the Council for Research to conform with federal mandates. It was agreed that the revised policy should be included in Appendix G as Policy #95-1.

**E. Inclusion of Approved Centers into the UNIVERSITY MANUAL**

In consultation with the appropriate administrators, the CBUM Committee has drafted new paragraphs for the UNIVERSITY MANUAL for each of the centers approved previously through all channels, including the Board of Governors for Higher Education.

Following are the new sections on the Center for Human Services (renaming of the Institute for Human Science and Services), the Coastal Institute, and the Feinstein Center for Service Learning to be included in Chapter 3 of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL:

**3.83.10** The Center for Human Services is a college-based evaluation and research center housed in the College of Human Science and Services. It is supported by grants and contracts and is comprised of faculty members from all departments in the College. Through research, evaluation, education, and program development, the Center shall promote activities which provide sound information for use by practitioners and policy makers in public service areas including public schools and other educational institutions. The Center shall be administered by a director who shall report to the Dean of the College of Human Science and Services.

**3.84.10** The Coastal Institute is an initiative for bringing natural and social sciences to bear on critical public policy issues related to the coastal and marine environment. It shall provide mechanisms for a community of researchers and practitioners to examine issues and to work together on coastal problems of common interest through research and extension/outreach activities with implications throughout the natural and social sciences, both basic and applied, and engineering. Fellows, comprising internal faculty members and external partners, shall work as an multidisciplinary organization to address complex and multi-faceted problems. The Institute shall be administered by a director who shall report to the Vice Provost for Marine Programs.

**3.85.10** The Feinstein Center for Service Learning shall promote the integration of service with academic study in order to enhance student learning and deepen civic responsibility.

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**II. MATTER REQUIRING ACTION BY THE FACULTY SENATE**

**Quorum at College Meetings**

In response to a request from the Rules Committee of the College of Human Sciences and Services, the CBUM Committee drafted an amendment to section 4.50.12 of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL to accommodate concerns about difficulty of reaching the mandated quorum for college faculty meetings. Currently, of one-half (15 percent of colleges with more than 200 members) of the membership constitutes a quorum.

Following discussion and after consultation with the College of Human Science and Services Rules Committee and the College of Arts and Sciences, the CBUM Committee has drafted an
amendment to section 4.50.12. This amendment reduces the number of continuing faculty members needed for a quorum, but requires that all faculty in the college are given adequate advance notification of issues that require votes.

The CBUM Committee recommends that the Faculty Senate approve the following amendment to section 4.50.12 of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL (changes are in boldface):

4.50.12 Attendance at meetings of the College Faculty is expected. Twenty percent (20%) of the membership (10% of colleges with more than 200 members) shall constitute a quorum. An Agenda containing all items proposed for action shall be distributed to faculty 5 work days prior to the meeting.

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