

Faculty Advisory Committee

Proposal to Change the Composition of the Faculty Budget Committee

A. Historical Note: From 1981 through 1986, budget information from the administration was channeled through either the Faculty Senate Steering Committee or the Faculty Advisory Committee. During the 1986-87 academic year, faculty concerns over faculty input into the budgetary process escalated and the Faculty Advisory Committee was charged with finding an appropriate mechanism whereby faculty could have an influence on budget planning. In 1987, the **Faculty Budget Committee** was established with the purpose of serving "as the body elected by the faculty and recognized by the administration for participation in University governance over the financial resources for academic programs." (Faculty Advisory Committee Minutes, March 18, 1987)

B. Current Committee Membership:

- 1) all members of the Faculty Advisory Committee;
- 2) a representative from the Faculty Welfare Committee;
- 3) a representative from the Academic Planning Committee;
- 4) the Chair-elect of the Faculty Senate alternating with the Past Chair of the Faculty Senate;
- 5) the Provost of the University, ex officio.

TOTAL CURRENT MEMBERSHIP = 10

C. Proposed Changes to Committee Membership:

- 1) Chair, Faculty Advisory Committee;
- 2) Chair, Faculty Welfare Committee;
- 3) Chair, Academic Planning Committee;
- 4) Chair, Faculty Senate
- 5) 3 members elected from the faculty for 3 year terms, to be staggered with one new member chosen each year;
- 6) the Provost of the University, ex officio.

TOTAL PROPOSED MEMBERSHIP = 8

D. Rationale: The Faculty Budget Committee is large with 60% of its membership consisting of members of the Faculty Advisory Committee. These 6 individuals typically do not realize that they have made a commitment to serve on the Faculty Budget Committee until they attend their first meeting of the Faculty Advisory Committee. The dual membership for these 6 faculty is time consuming and dilutes their efforts on both committees. It was determined that a smaller committee made up of representatives of other major committees plus 3 faculty chosen specifically to represent the faculty in budgetary concerns could be more effective.