

REPORT OF
FACULTY SENATE STEERING COMMITTEE

The Faculty Senate Steering Committee recommends the adoption of the following provision as an addition to the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate (on page 98 of the Faculty Manual) to be listed as Article V, Section 3, Number 6. This proposal will be voted on at the April meeting of the Faculty Senate.

"A majority shall consist of one plus the quotient of the total number of votes cast for all candidates" divided by twice the number of vacancies on a given committee."

This represents the incorporation into the Bylaws of the present rule for determining an electoral majority. This rule as formulated by the Faculty Senate Steering Committee was given formal endorsement by the Faculty Senate at its meeting of April 7, 1982. According to the minutes of that meeting, "the basis for computing a majority will be the total number of actual votes cast for candidates for vacancies on a given committee; in a single vacancy race, one-half plus one of the total will constitute a majority; where there are two vacancies, the committee decided that since the Faculty Manual, Senate Bylaws, Article V assumes that voters will vote as many times as there are vacancies (where there are two vacancies creating theoretically twice the total of votes as for a single vacancy race), that the total should be divided in half (half representing each vacancy) and one-half plus one of each half (i.e. or one-quarter plus one of the total number of actual votes cast for all candidates for the two vacancies) will constitute a majority."