MOTION ON FACULTY SENATE

REFERRED IN THE ACADEMIC SENATE

ON OCTOBER 17, 1994

An amendment to reword the motion made in the Academic Senate on September 19, 1994, was made and distributed (see attached). The main motion would require a two-thirds majority vote to pass, since it involves a change in the Academic Senate bylaws. The amendment would need a simple majority to pass.

A motion was made to refer to the Judiciary Committee motion one of the amendment. The motion to refer was amended to say that the committee would give a report in November. This would not necessarily be a final report. The motion to refer passed.

The sponsor then withdrew motion two of his amendment to the original motion. Then the sponsor moved that the Academic Senate establish a special task force to consider specifically motion one and whether any of the present responsibilities of the Academic Senate should be transferred to a Faculty Senate and whether any changes in the committee structure of the Academic Senate would be in order. This task force would present an interim report in December and a final report in March.

An amendment was made that the Executive Committee create a task force composed of the Judiciary Committee and any others needed, to address motions one and two of the original amendment. A suggestion was made that the task force should also look at broader governance issues.

The amendment and the motion both passed.
Proposal to change the name of the FACULTY CAUCUS to the FACULTY SENATE

In light of recent discussions among faculty, administrators, members of the Student Senate, and members of the PAT Council, I propose the following rewording of the motion on changing the faculty caucus to a faculty senate, and I propose that the second half of the original motion (involving changes in the committee structure of the Academic Senate) be referred to a special task force for further study.

Motion 1.

That the Academic Senate Bylaws be amended to change the name of the Faculty Caucus to the Faculty Senate and authorize it to adopt such bylaws and standing rules as may be necessary for the proper transaction of business:

a. All instances of the words Faculty Caucus in the Academic Senate Bylaws shall be changed to Faculty Senate.

b. Section 6 and Section 9 shall be amended as follows, with italicized words as additions and words struck through as deletions from present by-laws which otherwise remain in regular print.

Section 6. The Faculty Senate.

A. The Faculty Senate shall be the elected University-wide body representing the faculty and responsible for consideration of issues of faculty concern for presentation to the Academic Senate or the administration. The Caucus shall be that legislative component of the Academic Senate which acts independently on matters which affect the professional and economic welfare of the faculty. The Faculty Senate shall adopt such bylaws and standing rules as may be necessary for the proper transaction of business. All policies, resolutions and recommendations formally adopted by the Faculty Senate and forwarded by the Chair to the President shall be acted upon as prescribed in Section 1.B.

Section 9. Bylaw Changes and Substantive Motions

With the exception of changes to Section 6, The Faculty Senate, which are the prerogative of the Faculty Senate, any proposed change in the Academic Senate Bylaws . . .

Motion 2.

That the Academic Senate establish a special task force to consider specifically whether any of the present responsibilities of the Academic Senate should be transferred to the Faculty Senate, and whether any changes in the committee structure of the Academic Senate would be in order.

This task force would present an interim report in December and a final report in March.