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Membership on the Academic Standards Committee Bylaws Change: Article IV, Section 16

Submitted by: Bill Levernier

1/2/2004

Motion:

The Academic Standards Committee moves that that Article IV, Section 16 of the Faculty Senate Bylaws be amended as follows so that a representative of the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management is included on the committee (the proposed addition is underlined) Voting membership of the Academic Standards Committee shall be composed of senators or alternates representing each college or the library, one per unit, appointed by the Senate Executive Committee and faculty members elected by and representing each college and the library, one per unit. **Non-voting membership shall be composed of the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs, or his/her delegate, who shall vote in the case of a tie among voting members of the committee, and the Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, or his/her delegate.** The Chair shall be a senator elected by the voting members of the committee.

Rationale:

This item was approved by the Academic Standards Committee and is being forwarded to the Faculty Senate for consideration.

Response:

Minutes: 2/9/2004: Motion re: representation of VP for Enrollment Management on the Academic Standards Committee: Bill Levernier

Bill Levernier (COBA) moved to amend Article IV, Section 16, of the Faculty Senate Bylaws in order to expand the membership of the Academic Standards Committee by one member.

Specifically, the motion proposes to have the Vice President for Student Affairs/Enrollment Management or his or her delegate as a non-voting member of the committee. The rationale is that Academic Standards overlaps with Enrollment Management, making it worthwhile to have formal representation from Enrollment Management on the Academic Standards Committee.

The motion is to add to the sentence in Article IV, Section 16 concerning non-voting membership the phrase “and the Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management or his or her delegate.” The motion was seconded.

John Brown (COBA) offered an amendment to decrease perceived ambiguity over who actually votes in the event of a tie, and proposed: Non-voting members shall be the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs and the VP for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, or their designated representatives. In the case of tie votes, the VPAA or designated representative can vote to break the tie.

Cyr (CLASS) noted that since this is a Bylaw change, any modification to the wording would require bringing this back as an agenda item at the next meeting. Brown (COBA) withdrew his motion.

Edwards (COST) requested clarification on how the coordination between the two committees was envisioned to operate. Levernier (COBA) provided that the Enrollment Management representative would report to that committee on activities of Academic Standards that could impact enrollment, and vice versa. There may be issues that Enrollment Management is not concerned about (e.g., appeals), and in the event of one committee doing something the other dislikes, it would not be likely to get past the administration. There was additional discussion on the role of the Registrar on this committee (technically the Provost’s delegate) and whether the Director of Admissions serves as well (they do not.) Vice President Bleicken clarified that Enrollment Management is very interested in appeals and anything else that affects enrollment.

She noted her support for the motion, citing enhanced communication between the two groups. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved by the Senate, February 9, 2004. I am pleased to report that the Senate recommends the motion presented by Dr. Bill Levenier, Chair of the Academic Standards Committee, which states that the current Bylaws, Article IV, Section 16 be amended as follows so that a representative of the Office of Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management is included on the committee: (the proposed addition is in bold). Article IV, Section 16: Voting membership of the Academic Standards Committee shall be composed of senators or alternates representing each college or the library, one per unit, appointed by the Senate Executive Committee and faculty members elected by and representing each college and the library, one per unit. **Non-voting membership shall be composed of the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs, or his/her delegate, who shall vote in the case of a tie among voting members of the committee, and the Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, or his/her delegate.** The Chair shall be a senator elected by the voting members of the committee.

RATIONALE:

This item was approved by the Academic Standards Committee and is being forwarded to the Faculty Senate for consideration.

President's Response:

Approved by the President, February 23, 2004.

Grube's Response: Following review of the recommendation adopted by the Faculty Senate at the February 9, 2004, meeting as provided in your memo of February 13, 2004, I have approved the following amendment to the Bylaws: Article IV, Section 16: Voting membership of the Academic Standards Committee shall be composed of senators or alternates representing each college or the library, one per unit, appointed by the Senate Executive Committee and faculty members elected by and representing each college and the library, one per unit. **Non-voting membership shall be composed of the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs, or his/her delegate, who shall vote in the case of a tie among voting members of the committee, and the Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, or his/her delegate.** The Chair shall be a senator elected by the voting members of the committee.