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10/1/2000

Motion:

Dr. Janie Wilson (CLASS) asked that Section 5g and Section 19b be revised to require Senate input to the appointment of members of Senate committees.

Rationale:

Senate Response:

Minutes: 10/24/2000: Dr. Janie Wilson (CLASS) asked that Section 5g and Section 19b be revised to require Senate input to the appointment of members to Senate committees.

Dr. Jake Simons (COBA) moved that Section 5g be changed to read "... The Senate Executive Committee shall solicit interest for nomination. ..." (Originally that section read "... The Senate Executive Committee may solicit interest for nomination. ...") The motion was seconded and approved.

Marc Cyr (CLASS) asked whether the handbooks referred to in Section 5j were only University-wide handbooks or also college and department handbooks. Dr. Charlie Crouch (Task Force) responded that the Senate mandate extends only to University-wide documents. Dr. Cyr also asked if Section 19b implied that the Elections Committee would conduct elections internal to the colleges. In the discussion that followed, it was pointed out that the new committee would need to determine what needs there were regarding election procedures and that the task force was most concerned that elections be done on time. The task force was not interested in taking over internal college procedures.
Dr. Janie Wilson (CLASS) moved that Section 19a be changed to read "coordinate the elections of faculty to the Senate according to the procedures set forth in the University Statutes" (Originally that section read "coordinate the elections of senators according to the procedures set forth in the University Statutes"). The motion was seconded and approved.

Dr. Scott Marchbanks (COE), speaking on behalf of CLEC, pointed out that CLEC had been dropped as a standing committee of the Senate and wondered about CLEC's status' and role, given this change. In the discussion that followed, several speakers expressed assurances of Dr. Grube's commitment to CLEC's focus on academic programming and Dr. Vandegrift's commitment to retaining CLEC in Academic Affairs. Carol Thompson reviewed the committee's structure, funding and organizational location in Academic Affairs for the Senate. Dr. Marchbanks moved that CLEC be added to the Senate Standing Committees using the language of the old bylaws to describe the function and membership of the committee. Discussion of the motion followed. Other committees that might or might not have been dropped by the Senate were considered: Honors, Wellness, and the Athletics Committee were mentioned.

Much consideration was given to where CLEC should be located and how the Senate should act to effect that outcome. A motion to call the question, being approved, the motion was defeated, 5 for and 26 opposed. Dr. Thompson reiterated CLEC's concern that academic and cultural programming remain in place and have a prominent role in the new Performing Arts Center.

A motion regarding the status of CLEC was offered but it was ruled that the motion needed to be considered under New Business.