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Motion:

The Strategic Planning Council recommends that all written references to the now defunct Executive Planning Council be expunged from all GSU documents, including but not limited to by-laws, the faculty handbook, and any other written or on-line publication.

Rationale:

The EPC, formerly an advisory group serving the president's office, has over the past 5 years had its role supplanted by other committees and advisory groups. Since for all practical purposes the EPC has ceased to function on this campus, the Strategic Planning Council recommends that it be formally terminated and all written references to the EPC be expunged from GSU documents, including but not limited to, the By-Laws, Faculty Handbook, and any other GSU publication, written or on-line.

Response:

9/17/2002: There was also a denied motion from the SPC (Strategic Planning Council) to seek out and delete all references in University documents to the now-defunct EPC, but that motion was presented and tabled at the September Senate meeting.

A recommendation: In line with the action taken by the Faculty Senate last spring to eliminate verbiage in the Senate documents pertaining to any mention of the Executive
Planning Council, the SPC respectfully recommends that the Senate Executive Committee in cooperation with the President and the SPC move to redefine the role of the EPC/SPC Representative to better suit the needs of the administration, the SPC, and the Faculty Senate. The Executive Planning Council has not played any significant role on campus for at least four years.

Martha Abell (COST, SPC Representative) moved that the language involving EPC be removed from University documents. Parliamentarian McLellan pointed out that if the language appears in the Statutes of the University or the Senate Bylaws, certain procedures need to be followed, so the motion needed to be targeted to specifically where EPC appears. Jim LoBue (COST) asked that the specific language in question be identified, and John Brown (COBA) motioned to table Abell's motion and ask the SPC to come back with the passages identified; seconded and approved.