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Motion:

On behalf of the Task Force on Senate Restructuring, Dr. Candy Schille (CLASS) moved that the Senate approve the following statement as a guiding principle for the development of proposed changes to the Senate Bylaws and GSU Statutes regarding Roles and Responsibilities of Senators in Committee Work: Faculty Senate councils and committees shall be constituted and charged to preserve or enhance the Senate's role as the representative and legislative agency of the faculty. Standing committees should be proposed in those instances where the faculty voice is absent in the academic activities, general educational policy, and welfare of the University faculty. All Senate standing and ad hoc committees and councils shall be chaired by a faculty senator. The motion was seconded.

Dr. Richard Rogers (CLASS) wondered if a strict interpretation of the guiding principle would remove the Faculty Athletics Committee from the Senate's organizational structure. He also suggested that the chairs of Senate committees not be restricted to Senators since there may be other, more experienced, individuals better suited to the role of chair on some committees. There was discussion about the concerns Dr. Rogers raised.

Dr. Chris Geyerman (CLASS) recommended that the word "absent" in the guiding principle be changed to "central." There was no objection to the recommendation. The motion passed with the change recommended by Dr. Geyerman.