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Committee on Committees

Annual Report 1999-00

As part of the Committee on Committees' charge, proposed Standing Rule changes are reviewed, if required the changes are discussed with the submitting Committee or Council, and recommendations for either acceptance or rejection are submitted to the Executive Committee and the Faculty Senate. The Committee

received requests for Standing Rule changes from:

- * Academic Advising Council
- * Curriculum Council
- * Faculty Economic Welfare and Retirement Committee

Action taken on the proposed Standing Rule changes are reported below (taken from the June 1 Faculty Senate meeting minutes):

Note: Proposed additions are in bold; proposed deletions are in brackets

Academic Advising Council

The Academic Advising Council furnishes support and information to those units on campus that provide academic advising for students and makes policy and procedure recommendations to the Faculty Senate for consideration.

The Council shall be composed of a Head Advisor or designated representative from each academic college, [and] one or more representatives from each service unit involved in advising students, **and a student representative**. Each of the academic colleges and the service units represented shall have one vote on the council.

The Chair and Secretary shall be chosen by the Council in a manner to be determined by that body.

One member of the Council shall participate on the Faculty Recognition and Awards Committee in selecting the recipient of the Dar Reese Excellence in Advising Award.

There was no discussion on motion 00-558-02 which passed by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

Curriculum Council

The Council consists of nine Faculty and two Student members. In addition, the following are to be members: A member of the Budgets & Fiscal Planning Committee, appointed by its chair, serves as a liaison member, non-voting. The Director of Undergraduate Academic Programs, ex-officio, non-voting, serves as the Council's Executive Secretary. Three Information Services faculty members, non-voting, are appointed annually by the Associate Provost for Information Services; one represents the library, one represents distance education, and one represents instructional technology. The Catalog Coordinator **and Coordinator**

of Assessment and Academic Programs shall also serve as [an] ex-officio, non-voting members.

After confirming that the individual currently serving in the position proposed to be added is Gary Beach, motion 00-558-03 passed by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

Faculty Economic Welfare and Retirement Committee

The Faculty Economic Welfare and Retirement Committee formulates statements of policy and advises on matters of salaries, [deferred compensation] and Tax Deferred [Annuity] **Investment** programs, retirement programs, retirement benefits, insurance, and other programs which affect the economic benefits of both active and retired faculty. It shall make information related to retirement and retirement options available to the faculty. When appropriate, recommendations and findings are made to the Faculty Senate. The Committee shall also formulate recommendations to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee for possible submission to the Legislature for amendments to the retirement system.

The Committee consists of nine [members] **Faculty**; two or three shall be retired faculty. In addition, the OSU [Staff] **Employee** Benefits Manager shall be an ex-officio, non-voting member.

Senator Schuster, Associated, proposed an amendment to include at least one professional faculty in the composition; motion 00-558-04 was seconded. The amended version would read "The Committee consists of nine Faculty, including at least one Professional Faculty member..."

Motion 00-558-05, as amended, passed by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

As stated in the Committee on Committee's Standing Rules, "The Chair of each Committee/ Council shall, at five-year intervals, report to the Committee on Committees about its activities. This report must demonstrate activities which have enhanced the functions and objectives of the Senate. When no clearly useful function can be identified, the abolishment of the Committee/ Council shall be recommended." The Committee conducted reviews for the following:

- * Advancement of Teaching Committee
- * Baccalaureate Core Committee(1)
- * Budgets & Fiscal Planning Committee
- * Bylaws and Nominations Committee
- * Committee on Committees(2)

(1) Review was not completed - will be completed during 2000-2001.

(2) Margaret Niess, Past President of the Faculty Senate and non-member of the Committee on Committees, acted as Chair of the ad hoc committee reviewing the Committee on Committees. The reports were forwarded to the Executive Committee.

The Committees/Councils scheduled to be reviewed in 2000-2001 are:

- * Baccalaureate Core Committee (complete review from this year)
- * Computing Resources Committee
- * Curriculum Council
- * Faculty Economic Welfare and Retirement Committee
- * Faculty Grievance Committee
- * Faculty Mediation Committee

Perhaps the most interesting charge for the Committee over the past year was to develop Standing Rules for

a newly proposed Diversity Council. The Chair and Members received help from several people during this activity and would especially like to thank Phyllis Lee, Multicultural Affairs, for her help and guidance. After several meetings and many revisions, the proposed Standing Rules were forwarded to the Executive Committee. The Committee members are interested in observing how the Standing Rules change over the next few years as the Diversity Council defines its membership and role in the University.

Committee on Committees - Members for 1999-2000:

Jim Reeb, Chair, Forest Products
Bob Burton, Mathematics
Flaxen Conway, Extension Sea Grant
Denise Lach, Sociology
Mike Mallery, Budgets & Planning
Mike Witbeck, English Language Institute
Bruce Sorte, EC Liaison, Agricultural Sciences

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