The meeting was called to order by the chair, Murray Brown, at 10:02 a.m. The first item of business was the approval of the November 28, 2000 minutes. The minutes were approved with no changes.

Dan Franklin gave the report from the subcommittee. He distributed some proposed changes to the language in the University Statutes Article VI, Section 4. and in the Senate Bylaws Article VII Section 13. Discussion focused on the phrase "...faculty who are non-elected members of the University Senate...". It was decided that since the membership of FACP was out of alignment as written, an exception for that standing committee would be made. After much discussion the full committee passed the following changes to Section 4.:

"Section 4. Organization. The University Senate shall have the power to make its own bylaws and policies consistent with the policies of the Board of Regents and with the Statutes, and through its bylaws shall establish appropriate committees as may be needed for the orderly and efficient handling of its business. Faculty members and students who are not members of the Senate may be included on all Senate committees except the Executive Committee and where otherwise specified. The majority of every committee shall be members of the University Senate. With the exception of the Fiscal Advisory Committee to the President, no more than twenty-five (25) percent of any designated standing committee shall be faculty who are non-elected members of the University Senate non-elected senators who serve by virtue of office or are presidential appointees unless a temporary special case is deemed to exist and the exception is approved by the Executive Committee of the Senate. . . ."

Discussion continued on the best way to address the faculty membership of the Fiscal Advisory Committee to the President. After thorough discussion, it was decided not to address this in the Statutes but rather in the Bylaws. The committee passed the following changes to the Senate Bylaws, Article VII, Section 17A:

"17A. The Fiscal Advisory Committee to the President shall be composed of the Provost, the Vice President for Finance and Administration, one additional vice president selected by the remaining vice presidents, two deans selected by the Council of Deans, the Chair of the Senate Budget Committee two additional elected senators elected by a vote of the chairs of all Senate committees, the President of the Staff Advisory Council, and the President of the Student Government Association."

Tim Crimmins suggested that the term "staff" be added to the University Statutes Article VI, Section 4 so that the second sentence would read "Faculty members, staff, and students who are not members of the Senate may be included on all Senate committees except the Executive Committee and where otherwise specified." This would formalize current practice. The question was called. The motion passed.

An additional proposal was presented which would add a duty to the Nominations Committee. The full committee passed the following addition to the duties of the Nominations Committee in the Senate Bylaws (Article VII, Section 13B.):

"3. In order to comply with Article VI, Section 4 of the University Statutes, the Nominations Committee will report on the ratio of senators to non-senators, and on the proportion of committee membership that is non-elected Senators who serve by virtue of office or are presidential appointees for all standing committees of the Senate. Such a report will be submitted when the initial committee recommendations are made and any time that changes are proposed to committee membership."

The next item of business was a discussion of a proposal regarding approving courses that have a university-wide
A proposal had come forward from Bill Fritz, Director of Undergraduate Studies, to add a duty to the APACE Committee. This would give non-college courses a curriculum committee, that is, a committee for reviewing and approving these kind of courses. The committee passed the following addition to the Senate Bylaws Article VII, Section 6B.

"3. Approving courses having a university-wide (UNIV) designation."

[The existing B3. would be renumbered B4.]

The next item of business was to amend the Senate Bylaws to change the title of the Vice President for Research and Sponsored Programs to the Vice President for Research (Article VII, Sections 7A, 8A, and 15A). The question was called. The motion passed.

Since there was no further discussion or business, Dr. Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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