Senate Statutes and Bylaws Committee
MINUTES
September 13, 2001

Members present: Pam Barr, Murray Brown, Sadhna Diwan, Amy Lederberg, John Marshall, Roger Presley. 
Members absent: Victor Flatt (on leave), Donna Ferguson, Dan Franklin, Leonard Teel, Bill Waugh.

The meeting was called to order by the chair, Murray Brown, at 2:07 p.m. The first item of business was the approval of the April 17, 2001 minutes. The minutes were approved with no changes.

The next item of business was a proposal to add a duty to the IS&T Committee regarding its Student Technology Fee subcommittee. The committee agreed that the procedures for selecting the members of the subcommittee should be included in the text of the Bylaws. After some discussion, the committee approved the following changes to the Senate Bylaws, Section 18:

"Section 18. Committee on Information Systems and Technology

B. The duties of this committee shall be to (1) develop long-range plans for the computing needs of the University; (2) advise the Associate Provost for Information Systems and Technology on academic and administrative matters; (3) review annual programmatic plans for IS&T; (4) review annual budgetary submissions by the Associate Provost for Information Systems and Technology; and (5) provide a liaison between its subcommittees and IS&T; and (6) provide faculty membership for its Student Technology Fee Subcommittee as set forth in paragraph C.

C. The Student Technology Fee (STF) Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Information Systems and Technology (IS&T) will meet annually to review proposals for expenditures of monies from the Student Technology Fee and will make recommendations for allocations to the Fiscal Advisory Committee to the President. It shall be composed as follows: the Provost, after consultation with the Chair of the Senate Committee on IS&T and the President of the Student Government Association, will appoint annually a subcommittee consisting of the Chair of Senate Committee on IS&T, a representative of the Staff Advisory Council, 11 additional faculty, and 13 students. The 11 faculty members will selected from the IS&T committee as follows: Arts and Sciences—4; Robinson College of Business—2, Education—1, Health and Human Sciences—1, Law—1, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies—1, Library—1. Of the 13 student members, 9 will be recommended by the deans of the colleges, and approved by the Student Government Association, as follows: Arts and Sciences—3; Robinson College of Business—2, Education—1, Health and Human Sciences—1, Law—1, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies—1. The Student Government Association will appoint 4 student members. The Associate Provost for Information Systems and Technology and the Director of the Teaching and Learning with Technology Center will serve as ex-officio (and non voting) members of the subcommittee. The chair of the STF Subcommittee will be the Chair of the Senate Committee on IS&T and shall have the power to vote.

D. The committee shall elect a chair within ten (10) working days after the election of a new committee."

The next item for discussion was a proposal adding staff to senate committees in the Senate Bylaws. This change was approved in the University Statutes at the March 22, 2001 meeting of the Senate. There is a similar section of text in the Senate Bylaws and the committee agreed that it should be changed as well. The final approved text for Senate Bylaws, Article VI, Section 4 is as follows:

"...Faculty members, staff, and students who are not members of the Senate may be nominated to committees when the Nominations Committee deems that a special case exists. Committee members who are not members of the Senate shall be afforded all rights of committee memberships, including voting, but shall have none of these rights in the Senate.”

The next item of business was a proposal regarding the APACE Committee’s route of approval for new degree programs. After some discussion, the committee agreed that this proposal should be tabled for now. Dr. Brown
stated that he would contact John Newman, chair of APACE, and ask for the rationale and suggested language for the changes cited in this proposal.

The next item of business was a proposal sent by George Rainbolt regarding changing the language in the Statutes to exclude those faculty whose title contains the term "visiting". There was some discussion about other titles that also reflect a short-term association with the university (i.e. temporary). Some expressed concern about defining who is and who is not faculty because so many different titles are used among all the colleges. There was a suggestion to amend the part of the Statutes or Bylaws that describes the election process rather than the section that defines the faculty. Others felt that this issue was bigger than just the election process and that the change should be made to the text that defines which faculty titles compose the university’s faculty. This issue will be addressed further at the October meeting. The committee assistant will send the committee members a copy of the text in the Statutes and Bylaws that addresses the Senate election process prior to the next meeting. Committee members agreed to review this text and develop possible changes that would stipulate which faculty can be included in the departmental counts for Senate representation.

The next item of business was a proposal to change the Senate calendar. Committee members agreed that shifting the first meeting of the new Senate to early fall and changing the election of Senators until mid-spring were reasonable changes. The committee was not clear why a fifth Senate meeting was necessary. Dr. Brown stated that he would contact John de Castro and inform him of the committee’s recommendations and ask him for the rationale for adding a fifth meeting.

The next meeting of this committee is Tuesday, October 16 at 2:00 p.m. in the Troy Moore library (room 939-GCB). Since there was no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 3:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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