

TO: Faculty Senate

FROM: Executive Committee

DATE: April 19, 1977

SUBJECT: Meeting

The Faculty Senate will meet this Thursday, April 21, at 3:00 p. m. in Room 313 of the University Center. Please bring your copy of the Faculty Senate Constitution. All faculty are invited to attend.

Dr. James Sawrey has agreed to meet with the Senate to make some general remarks relative to faculty concerns and respond to questions from Senators and other interested faculty members.

The proposed agenda for this meeting consists of the following items:

1. Motion by the ad hoc Committee to Study the Faculty Senate Constitution and Committee Structure that the Senate consider their recommendations. (See attached material.)

(30 minutes for debate)

2. Executive Committee report

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Recommendations of the Committee to Study the Faculty Senate
Constitution and Committee Structure

1. The Senate should take the requisite action to initiate the following amendments to the Constitution (See "Article IV" of the Constitution).
 - (a) In Article II, Section 1, Election, after "(except to include all ties)." insert the sentence: "Ties in run-off elections shall be broken by a vote of the Senate."
 - (b) In Article II, Section 1, Nominations, delete the words "two weeks" and substitute "four days."
2. The Senate should add to its by-laws the following provisions:
 - (a) A Senator may give to the Executive Committee (prior to a meeting) a written vote on a specific issue. If a vote is called on that issue, the vote will be counted but will not contribute to a quorum.
 - (b) Every motion or matter presented to the Senate should be referred by the Executive Committee to the appropriate Senate Committee for a recommendation (with usually a suggested time period) except when an emergency calls for the Senate to act as a committee of the whole.
3. The Senate should make the following changes in the committee structure.
 - (a) Empower each committee to recruit additional non-voting members from the faculty when more people are needed to efficiently complete some task of the committee.
 - (b) Create a Committee on Nominations and Appointments consisting of five Senators to make, subject to the approval of the Senate, all nominations and appointments for which the Senate is responsible.
4. The committee recommends action not be taken on the following matters presented to it.
 - (a) Redefining the Faculty or changing the name of the body to account for the differences in this definition and that of the Board of Regents.
 - (b) Changing the scheme of representation.
5. The following matter was presented too late for recommendation.
Change the name of the offices of President and Vice-President to Chairman and Vice-Chairman.