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The Faculty Senate

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To: Faculty

From: Faculty Senate Executive Committee *gms*

Date: November 30, 1978

The Faculty Senate will meet at 3 p.m. on Thursday, December 7, 1978 in the University Center conference room (313). All faculty are invited to attend Senate meeting.

The proposed agenda for the meeting:

- 1) Second reading and action on proposed amendment to the Faculty Senate constitution:

In Article IV, Provision (4), add after "Faculty":
"or by a two thirds majority of the entire Faculty Senate, the means of ratification to be specified upon proposal of the amendment."

- 2) Report from the Faculty Committee (H. Winn, Chairman) on criteria used for evaluation of faculty for retention and tenure decisions.
- 3) Discussion of proposed method to gather faculty opinions on the semester-versus-quarter calendar issue.

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From: Faculty Senate Executive Committee *JH*

Subject: Semester-versus-Quarter Issue

Date: December 4, 1978

The Academic Council has recommended that the University change to a semester calendar beginning Fall, 1980. President Riggs has asked the University Assembly to study the issue and to make a recommendation to him by February 1, 1979.

The Faculty Senate is interested in obtaining faculty opinions on the issue, and we are, therefore, soliciting your written ideas. Our plan is to prepare two lists - one containing the principal advantages of a semester system and the disadvantages of a quarter system and another containing the principal advantages of a quarter system and the disadvantages of a semester system.

Two faculty members have agreed to collect and compile the advantages and disadvantages submitted by faculty for the two lists. These faculty members do not necessarily strongly support either system and may be acting as coordinators simply to help provide full exposition of both sides of the question.

To respond to this solicitation please do the following:

1. List about five advantages of the system (semester or quarter) of your choice and about five disadvantages of the other system.
2. Rank the items in order of importance with "1" for the most important and "5" for the least important.

3. Send list of advantages of semester and disadvantages of quarter to
MR. LAWRENCE BAGGETT.

Send list of advantages of quarter and disadvantages of semester to
DR. HARVEY BLANK.

4. Send in your responses by noon, Monday, December 11, 1978.

When all responses have been compiled the two lists will be distributed to you with a request for rebuttal. Also on about January 15, 1979 you will be asked to vote on the issue. The results of the Senate's study as well as the results of the faculty vote will be sent to the President of the University and also to the University Assembly for its study before the Assembly makes a recommendation to the President.

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