

# UNIVERSITY SENATE

October 23, 2002

TO: Faculty and Professional Personnel

FROM: Governance Committee

RE: Compromise Governance Model (Faculty Council-University Senate Model)

The University Senate has substituted for your discussion and advisory vote the enclosed Faculty Council-University Senate model for the previous models proposed last spring by the Governance Task Force. Please be advised that you will be casting an advisory vote to accept or reject the enclosed Senate structure. The membership and responsibilities of the committees shown on the enclosed model, and their placement, are yet to be fully determined. **If this model is supported by the faculty advisory vote and subsequently accepted by the University Senate, faculty will have ample opportunity to discuss and to provide suggestions concerning the final and complete structure of University Senate committees, both membership and responsibilities, before a final vote of the faculty is taken.**

This proposed model would accomplish the following:

1. Maintain the current University Senate body, with the exception that all eligible academic departments would be allowed to elect a representative to University Senate. This would increase the size of the Senate from approximately 55 members (37 faculty) to 66 members (48 faculty).
2. Reorganize the two current Councils--the APC and the PAC--into a Faculty Council and a University Affairs Council.
  - a. The Faculty Council would be comprised of all University Senate faculty members. The various Faculty Council committees would be chaired by faculty members, and each committee would include professional personnel and student members. *This Council will oversee faculty committees, serve as a forum for faculty debate, and communicate faculty positions and concerns to the University Senate.*
  - b. The University Affairs Council and its committees will handle areas of responsibility shared with other university units. Faculty members, professional personnel, and students will be members of UAC committees. *This Council would include committees devoted to the welfare of professional personnel and Staff Council, if those constituencies so desired.*
3. Rename the current Student and Campus Life Council as the Campus Council and retain virtually the same council committees as presently organized.
4. Enhance the relationship between Student Senate and University Senate by giving Student Senate direct input into the University Senate by way of the Agenda Committee.
5. Reposition University Senate Standing Committees--Athletics, Finance and Budget, Governance, Master Planning--as council committees under the University Affairs Council. The Judicial Standing Committee would become a committee under the Faculty Council. The Agenda Committee would continue to retain responsibilities similar to the current Agenda Committee.
6. Improve continuity in the governance system by making all Council Committee chairs members of their respective councils, and provide clear lines of accountability to all university constituencies.

The aim of this proposal is to bring together the various governance concerns expressed by colleagues throughout the university, and in the process retain as much of the current governance system as is applicable.

**PROPOSED  
Faculty Council-University Senate Model**

