

Ad hoc Committee to Investigate the Role and Function of the Faculty Advisory Council (FAC)

Number:

US14/15-48

Date of Notice:

Mon, 02/02/2015

Legislation, Resolution, or Policy Adoption:

Legislation

Current Status:

Notice Given

Motion:

Section I

1.1 WHEREAS the University Senate approved the legislation, "Open Committee Meetings," (US13/14-19) on March 23rd, 2014; and

1.2 WHEREAS said legislation mandates that, "...all meetings of the University Standing Committees, Senate Internal Committees, and Senate *ad hoc* committees shall be open."; and

1.3 WHEREAS said legislation directs the Committee on Committees to "...formulate working groups in order to address concerns regarding the FAC (Faculty Advisory Council), the SBC (Senate Budget Committee), the FPC (Faculty Personnel Committee), and all other committees that consider confidential information, and then, develop relevant legislation (as needed)..."; and

1.4 WHEREAS the working group which was formed to address concerns regarding the FAC (Faculty Advisory Council) has found that there are differing and emerging ideas among various stakeholders regarding the role and function of the FAC in the past and regarding what role and function would best address the current and future institutional needs of the University; and

1.5 WHEREAS said working group believes that any determination as to whether and to what degree the FAC should be exempted from the Open Committee Meetings legislation cannot be made until the role and function of the FAC has been clarified;

Section II

2.1 BE IT HEREBY MOVED that an *ad hoc* committee shall be convened to review and consider the role and function of the Faculty Advisory Council and to recommend to the Committee on Committees such changes to the charge, responsibilities, and membership of the FAC as they find appropriate and efficacious. Said *ad hoc* committee shall also recommend to the Committee on Committees whether and to what degree the FAC should be exempt from the provisions of the Open Committee Meetings legislation; and

2.2 BE IT FURTHER MOVED that the membership of said committee shall consist of six members, five of whom shall be statutory faculty and one of whom shall be an officer of administration. Members shall be appointed by the Senate president; and

2.3 BE IT FURTHER MOVED that said *ad hoc* committee will present its findings to the Committee on Committees on or before ~~October 15~~ ~~May 1~~, 2015. The Committee on Committees will then draft a motion based on the report of the *ad hoc* committee for presentation to the full Senate on ~~the first~~ ~~or before the last~~ Senate meeting of the 201~~45~~-1~~56~~ academic year.

Financial Impact:

Cost neutral

Sponsor:

Senate Committee on Committees

Legislative History:

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