

DOCUMENTS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

PROPOSAL TO DISBAND THE GENERAL FACULTY COMMITTEE ON STUDENT AFFAIRS

On behalf of the Committee on Student Affairs, Karrol A. Kitt (associate professor, human ecology and committee chair) submitted the following proposal to disband the committee. The secretary has classified this proposal as *general* legislation. It will be presented to the Faculty Council for discussion at its meeting on December 10, 2007.

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The Faculty Council and General Faculty

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The Committee on Student Affairs held its initial meeting of the 2007-2008 academic year on October 5, 2007. At that meeting, the committee discussed the original function and charge of the committee and its relevance today. It was determined that unless a new charge is provided, "sunset" is a viable option. After discussion and input from all present at the meeting, the recommendation to abolish the committee was unanimously approved.

Rationale: The University has recently reorganized its administrative offices. Some of the functions under the supervision of the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs have moved to the Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Studies and other functions to the Office of the Vice President for the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement. This restructuring has made the charge and function of the Committee on Student Affairs less relevant than in the past. After review, it appears that important student matters are within the purview of other standing committees with specifically targeted missions. These committees appear to be working effectively, doing the necessary work to oversee needed aspects of student life. As a result, the Student Affairs Committee sees no reason for continued redundancy of function.

Reference

March 17, 1997 (#16104 & #16103)

Function: To advise the Vice President for Student Affairs on all functions of the office.

Composition: Nine members of the General Faculty, including the chairs of the five Standing Committees of the General Faculty dealing with functions under the supervision of the vice president for student affairs (Admissions and Registration Committee, Calendar Committee, Committee on Financial Aid to Students, Recreational Sports Committee, and Recruitment and Retention Committee), and two student representatives. In addition, every year the chair of the Faculty Council shall appoint two of the nine faculty from members of the Faculty Council for one-year terms as members of the committee. The committee shall elect its own chair and vice chair, who shall be members of the General Faculty. Administrators representing the various offices dealing with student services and activities shall serve as advisers as necessary without votes.

Rationale: This committee will be responsible for taking a comprehensive view of student services and activities. It will be concerned with issues requiring the coordination of the activities of two or more Standing Committees (e.g., the Committee on Financial Aid to Students and the Admissions and Registration Committee). It will also be concerned with issues arising from areas where a committee no longer exists (e.g., Committee on University Housing or Committee on Orientation Policy and Procedures).

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