Committee: Committee on Committees

Meeting date: September 19, 1996, 3:00PM

Person Presiding: Bob Woodside

Actions of Meeting:

1. The committee approved the minutes of their August 29, 1996 meeting.

2. In order to fill the expanded Research and Creative Activity Grants Committee roster and to supply their nominations to the Faculty Senate in time for their October 15 meeting, the committee decided to send a letter to each unit administrator in order to solicit candidates for the committee. Six nominations are needed; 3 from the Professional Schools and 3 from the departments in the College of Arts and Sciences that are not already represented on the committee. It was requested that the names of the candidates, along with data that demonstrates their accomplishment in scholarship, research and creative activity be submitted to the Faculty Senate Office by no later than 27, 1996.

3. After a discussion regarding the effectiveness of the Research/Creative Activity Grants Committee, Professor Taggart moved that it should not be divided into two separate committees, one for the college and one for the professional schools. The motion, seconded by Professor Neal, was passed by the committee.

4. There was a discussion regarding the responsibility of each committee to report to the Faculty Senate. Professor Anderson stated that the written annual report fulfills this charge. Professor Taggart made the following motion:

"The written annual report from each Faculty Senate Committee fulfills the committee charge to report to the Faculty Senate once a year with the exception of any committee that is otherwise charged by the Appendices to report to the Faculty Senate."

The motion was seconded by Professor Harris and passed by the committee.

5. The vacancy of the Faculty Assembly was discussed. Professor Sexauer suggested that the Chair of the Faculty should be considered as a Faculty Assembly Delegate. Professor Woodside suggested that the committee wait for a decision by the Governance Committee on whether the Chair of the Faculty can be a delegate. Professor Anderson suggested that the committee gather more information and make a recommendation for replacement at the committee's next meeting.

6. The next scheduled meeting of the Committee on Committees, which will contain the agenda of compiling six nominees for the Research/Creative Activity Grants Committee and a nominee for the Faculty Assembly, will be on Monday, September 30, at 3:30 PM.

7. It was requested that the committee provide a clarification of the committee charges of the University
Curriculum Committee and the General Education Committee. Professor Harris moved that the committee invite the officers of the University Curriculum Committee and General Education Committee, in the spirit of mutual compromise, to meet with the Committee on Committees on Wednesday, October 23, 3:00 PM, so that the Committee on Committees can reach an agreement on and clarification of committee charges. The motion was seconded by Professor Taggart and passed by the committee.

8. Regarding the proposed revision to the Research/Creative Activity Policies Committee charge, Professor Anderson moved that the committee be changed to nine members from seven members, with a quorum of five members. Professor Harris seconded and the motion was passed.

9. Professor Kares requested and interpretation of committee charges. Does the ex-officio member with vote refer to the representative of the ex-officio member with vote. The committee believes that it does regard the representative as an ex-officio member with vote.

The committee then adjourned at 4:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Taggart, Secretary