DATE: December 3, 1997

TO: Members of the Faculty Senate

FROM: Beverly Schneller, Secretary

SUBJECT: Meeting of the Faculty Senate 3 February 1998, 4:05 -- 5:45 p.m., Chryst Hall, room 210

I. Minutes of the 2 December 1997 meeting

II. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson

III. Report of the Student Senate President

IV. Reports of the Administrative Officers

V. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees

VI. Special Reports of the Faculty Senate Committees

VII. Faculty Emeritus

VIII. Elections

A. The Senate will elect officers for 1998-1999--Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary.

B. The Senate will elect a chair for the Academic Policies Committee.

IX. Director of General Education

X. Academic Policies Committee Document on Determination of QPA in Major Fields

XI. Revision of Academic Proposal Form (see Minutes, p. 4326)

XII. Music Department's Recommendation to change wording in the Governance Manual, p. 66 F. 4. (Attachment 4 of 2 December 1997 minutes)
The music department is planning to propose several courses that receive less than 3 credits for counting in block G.1 of the Liberal Arts Core. Therefore the department recommends changing p. 66 F. 2. of the governance manual as follows:

present statement:
To achieve greater than a single-course understanding in some disciplines, in each Liberal Arts Core Area students must complete satisfactorily two courses in a single department.

revised statement:
To achieve greater than a single-course understanding in some disciplines, in each Liberal Arts Core Area students must complete satisfactorily six credits in a single department.

The department also recommends changing p. 66 F. 4. of the governance manual as follows:

present statement:
No more than two courses may be credited in a single department. For the purposes of course counting, courses with divisional designations are considered as a separate department but may not be used to fulfill the "two courses in one department" rule.

proposed change:
No more than eight (8) credits may be credited in a single department. For the purposes of course counting, courses with divisional designations are considered as a separate department but may not be used to fulfill the "eight (8) credits in one department" rule.

Rationale: Changing the language from "course" to "credit would enable students to use approved general education courses that earn less than three credits to fulfill these requirements and still achieve the desired discipline representation and depth.