

# AGENDA

## FACULTY SENATE MEETING

**16 September 1997**

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DATE: September 2, 1997  
TO: Members of the Faculty Senate  
FROM: Beverly Schneller, Secretary  
SUBJECT: Meeting of the Faculty Senate **16 September 1997,  
4:05 -- 5:45 p.m., Chryst Hall, room 210**

- I. Minutes of the 2 September 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. Proposed Courses and Programs
- IX. Faculty Senate Elections

Vacancies remain in the following committees: Faculty-Student Athletic (Chair); General Education Review (Non-School); Undergraduate Course and Program Review (Humanities; Social Sciences (2)); Commencement Speaker (Humanities; Social Sciences); Joint Senate Conference (any school department)

- X. Proposal to Revise Governance Manual Language  
Senate will consider a proposal to change the Governance Manual language concerning Course and program Review Committee policies and approval procedures as they relate to undergraduate studies. The effect is to replace the two-meeting rule for new undergraduate courses with a one meeting rule (see Attachment 1).
- XI. Proposal to Increase the Total Number of Credits in the OSHM Program.  
Senate will consider the OSHM Proposal to increase the total number of credits in the program. (See Attachment 7)

## Attachment 1

TO: Faculty Senate

FROM: Don Eidam, Mathematics

DATE: 8 July 1997

RE: Proposal to Revise *Governance Manual* Language

**MOTION:** Change *Governance Manual* as follows:

[Undergraduate Studies: Course and Program Modification Policies: Approval Procedures]

1. ...Any decision of the appropriate Course and Program Review Committee may be reviewed by the Faculty Senate; however, if a decision on a new course (*is not challenged in the next two senate meetings after it has been reported or if a decision on*) or the new designation of existing courses as Liberal Arts Core, Perspectives, C, Q, AW, W, (*and/or QARC*) is not challenged by the next senate meeting after it has been reported, the decision will be considered approved by the senate.

The effect is to replace the two-meeting rule for new undergraduate courses with a one-meeting rule.

Rationales:

This motion is in the interest of accelerating the course approval process.

New graduate courses are under a one-meeting rule. New *programs*, even new undergraduate and graduate degrees, are under a one-meeting rule!

The language of the *G.M.* indicates that the "decision" is made by the UCPRC. Challenges on the Senate floor would continue to follow the traditional algorithm: (1) in the event of a challenge, tacit approval is placed on hold; (2) challenger and proposer confer to attempt to reach agreement; (3) in the absence of agreement, a vote is taken at a subsequent meeting. In fact, there have been three preliminary challenges in the last five years, only one of which came to a vote.

Requests for waivers of the two-meeting rule have increased, and such requests have always been approved by Senate.

The APSCUF/MU President indicated at the June meeting of the Council of Trustees that simplifying and accelerating the approval process was a goal for the upcoming academic year.