Background: The Bylaws of the Academic Senate make a distinction between General Standing Committees and Special Standing Committees. This distinction was originally intended to designate which committee chairs would be appointed by the Academic Senate Executive Committee and which committee chairs would be elected by their membership. This designation has proved to be both confusing and unnecessary, and accordingly, this resolution recommends that such identification be eliminated. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That Article Vill.C of the Bylaws of the Academic Senate be modified as follows:

A. COMMITTEE CHAIRS

The Academic Senate Executive Committee shall appoint the chairs of the General Standing Committees and Academic Senate standing committees. The chairs of these committees shall be voting members and may be chosen from: within or outside the committee. If the chair is chosen from outside the committee, the fact that the college may have 1/3 of the votes will be taken into account by the Academic Senate when it acts on the recommendation of the standing committee. Committee chair appointments will be submitted to each committee for its approval. The chairs of the Special Standing Committees shall be elected annually. If the Executive Committee chooses not to appoint the committee chair, then the chair shall be elected by a majority vote of the eligible voters on the committee. Committee chairs shall be appointed or elected for one year terms.

The chair need not be an academic senator. The chair shall be responsible for reporting committee activities to the Academic Senate. The chair shall notify the chair of the college caucus whenever a member has not attended two consecutive meetings. Committee chairs shall meet with the chair of the Academic Senate at least annually.

And, be it further

RESOLVED: That Articles Vill.H (listing of General Standing Committees) and Vill.I (listing of Special Standing Committees) of the Bylaws of the Academic Senate be combined into one alphabetical listing of all committees; and be it further
RESOLVED: That Article VIII.J. (Committee Descriptions of General Standing Committees) and VIII.K. (Committee Descriptions of Special Standing Committees) be combined into one alphabetical ordering of committee descriptions.

Proposed by: The Academic Senate Executive Committee
Date: March 28, 2000
Revised: May 2, 2000
I acknowledge receipt of the above-entitled Academic Senate Resolution.