RESOLUTION ON CHANGE IN ACADEMIC SENATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP (Bylaws section I.9.a)

Background: During fall quarter 2002, the Academic Senate asked its committees to review their membership and provide any recommendations for change to the Senate office at the end of winter quarter 2003. In response to this charge, the Academic Senate Library Committee has recommended the following modification and rationale for a change in its membership.

Rationale: It is already extremely difficult to find meeting times that accommodate all regular committee members, administrative members, and the four ex officio student representatives—whose advice is most pertinent to the committee’s charge—without trying to accommodate additional representatives of other interest groups whose advice is less central to the committee’s charge. If in fact all persons currently listed in the bylaws description of committee membership were added, it would be virtually impossible to find common meeting times. Additionally, mechanisms for appointing representatives from the community, the Library staff, and a staff representative at large are not clear.

WHEREAS, The present membership of the Academic Senate Library Committee consists of (1) a faculty member from each of the six instructional colleges, (2) one member from Professional Consultative Services, (3) Dean of Library Services, (4) Provost, (5) two undergraduate students, (6) two graduate students, (7) a staff representative at large, (8) a staff representative from the Library, (9) a community representative, and (10) a representative from the Instructional Advisory Committee on Computing (IACC). In addition, the Library Committee provides a representative to the IACC; and

WHEREAS, It is proposed that the official membership of the Academic Senate Library Committee be modified to be consistent with actual practice; and

WHEREAS, The current membership is cumbersome and several positions do not significantly facilitate the committee’s charge of recommending ways in which the library can best meet its educational mission with regard to its primary constituents, faculty and students within the University community. These recommendations are best made by faculty and by the primary users, students; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the following membership positions on the Academic Senate Library Committee be eliminated: (8) a staff representative from the Library and (9) a community representative.

Proposed by: Academic Senate Library Committee
Date: March 24, 2003
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To: Unny Menon  
Chair, Academic Senate

From: Warren J. Baker  
President

Date: June 10, 2003

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Subject: Response to Academic Senate Resolution AS-601-03/LC  
Resolution on Change in Library Committee Membership

I acknowledge receipt of the above-entitled Academic Senate Resolution.