This special meeting of the Executive Committee was called to order by Chairman Simmons in order to establish rules for the special GE&B Senate meeting on October 26. Jim Simmons announced that the GE&B Committee had completed reconciliation of suggestions for revision of draft sections A, B, and C, with plans to complete sections D, E, and F during subsequent meetings.

Major discussion centered around procedures and possible special rules which could be adopted by the Senate in order to facilitate debate on the GE&B package. Suggestions included: (1) requiring 2/3 vote to amend; (2) requiring 2/3 vote to adopt the package as presented or as amended; (3) adopting with a simple majority vote; (4) establishing time limits for debate, such as three minutes for the first presentation; (5) enforcing the limitation on a member speaking twice until after all others so desiring have had an opportunity to speak; and (6) using two floor microphones, designated for use by pro and con speakers.

Specific procedures are to be adopted at the second reading.

Several questions arose concerning inclusion in the GE&B package of new courses not yet in the curriculum. A list of such courses has been distributed to all departments for posting. Course outlines should be available by the time of the second reading.

In general, because the Chairman already has the right to impose debate limits when and if needed and to restrict repetitive comments, special rules for conducting the GE&B meetings are probably unnecessary. By consensus, it was decided that Chair Simmons should conduct the meetings within the framework of established Senate rules.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.