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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members University Senate

FROM: University Senate Council

RE: AGENDA ITEM: University Senate Meeting, Monday, October 13, 1997. 3:00 PM Consideration of and action on proposed changes in University Senate Rules, Section III - 3.2.1.a, Functions of the Undergraduate Council relative to courses and programs

Proposal: (delete the portion in italics)

University Senate Rules, Section III

3.3.1 Functions. The Undergraduate Council's responsibilities relative to courses and programs shall be as follows:

(a) Course Procedures -- It shall consider all proposed new courses and changes in courses number 001 - 599. Also, it shall consider new courses and changes in courses numbered 800 - 999 in all colleges *outside the Medical Center* except for the College of Law

Rationale

Currently the Undergraduate Council is enjoined by Senate Rule 3.3.1.b to make recommendations to the Senate Council on all new programs and all changes in programs in "all colleges offering a baccalaureate degree." At the same time Senate Rule 3.3.1.a stipulates that the Council consider all new courses and all changes in courses "in all colleges outside the Medical Center, except for the College of Law." Hence, with respect to baccalaureate programs in the Medical Center (*i.e.* in Nursing and Allied Health) the Council is enjoined to review programs but forestalled from considering the courses which make up the programs under review. This arrangement creates great anomalies in the review process because it is impossible to review programs apart from their constituent elements (*i.e.* the courses).

Although the Undergraduate Council has no predilection in this case, the Medical Center desires that its baccalaureate programs undergo review by the Undergraduate Council in order to maintain consistency across campus. To complete this task effectively and efficiently the

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Undergraduate Council requests that it be authorized to review both the programs and the courses. It should be noted that the Undergraduate Council's reviews never entail dictating the content of a course or program. The Council looks for consistency, clarity, conformity to Senate Rules and the like, and it regularly works with faculty to achieve these ends. The content of a course or program always remains the prerogative of the instructor.

This proposal has been reviewed by the Academic Council for the Medical Center and the Senate Council and is recommended by both.

Implementation Date: Immediate

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