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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members University Senate

FROM: University Senate Council

RE: AGENDA ITEM: University Senate Meeting, Monday, March 9, 1998.
3:00 PM Consideration of proposal to revise University Senate Rules,
Section I - 1.2.2, Composition of the University Senate

Proposal: { The language to be eliminated is in brackets []; new language is underlined }

1.2.2 COMPOSITION

As specified in the *Governing Regulations*, Part IV, the University Senate is composed of both elected and ex officio membership. The elected membership shall number [104] 113, of which [85] 94 members shall represent the faculty, 18 shall represent the student body, and one shall represent the emeriti faculty. (US:10/12/81 and BofT:4/6/82; US: 3/20/89 and BoT: 8/22/89)

1.2.2.1 Elected Faculty Membership The [85] 94 elected faculty members shall be apportioned each spring among the colleges and the University Libraries according to the following two equally weighted factors based on data for the preceding fall semester: (1) the number of full-time faculty, except those appointed in the extension series (although they are eligible for election to membership), research title series, Medical Center clinical titles series, and visiting series, with the rank of assistant professor or higher in the college or the University Libraries; and (2) the number of full time students enrolled in the college, computed so that students enrolled in the Graduate School shall be assigned to the college in which they are pursuing their studies. (US: 10/12/81 and BofT: 4/6/82;

BofT: 12/11/84) Ideally, the fraction of the total faculty Senate seats which would be apportioned to an academic unit would be obtained by using the following formula:

$$1/2 (Fu/Fe + Su/Se)$$

where Fu and Su are respectively the number of eligible faculty and the number of full-time students in the unit, and Fe and Se are the total eligible faculty and students, respectively, in all units. Usually the portion of the total faculty seats which would be ideally assigned to a unit will not be a whole number. For each unit a certain inequity will result, this being the non-negative deviation of a unit's actual percentage from its ideal percentage of the seats. The seats shall be apportioned to the units in a manner which minimizes the total inequity, subject to the condition that each unit gets at least one seat. (If two units have identical ideal percentages and the minimum would be attained by giving them different representations, then the extra seat shall be allocated to one of them by a random process.) An administrative title below that of Dean shall not automatically make the holder ineligible.

- * Faculty members with administrative assignments of an academic nature which constitute no more than half of their current duties--the rest composed of teaching and/or research--will be construed as meeting the requirements of "full time faculty." (RC: 4/2/76)

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C Terms; Vacancies: As specified in the *Governing Regulations*, each elected faculty member shall serve for a term of three years. Ideally, the terms of the representatives of each academic unit or sub-unit should be staggered so that one-third of them will be elected at each election. To this end the faculty of the academic unit represented, may, for any election, specify that a number of representatives be elected for two-year terms. If such action is taken, the dean of the academic unit involved shall notify the Secretary of the Senate of such intent in advance of the upcoming election. When more than one number is to be elected from a unit or sub-unit, those receiving the greater number of votes will serve three-year terms and those elected receiving the lesser number of votes will serve two-year terms.

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1.2.2.2 Elected Student Membership The 18 elected student membership shall consist of and represent the members of the full-time student body in the various colleges including Lexington Community College and the Graduate School of the University System. The colleges and the Graduate School each shall have one student representative. Students with no declared major shall be represented through the College of Arts and Sciences. (US:10/12/81 and BofT:4/6/82)

- A Eligibility:** Each elected student member shall be a junior, senior, or graduate or professional student, or in the case of LCC, sophomore standing, and shall not be on either academic or disciplinary probation.
- B Election:** The election shall be conducted during the second semester by the Student Government Association under procedures approved by the Senate Council.
- C Terms;Vacancies:** As specified in the *Governing Regulations*, each elected student member shall serve for a term of one year and shall be eligible for reelection as long as the student remains a full-time undergraduate, graduate, or professional student in the University System. If a student should at any time become ineligible to serve (e.g., by relinquishing his or her position as a full-time student, being placed on academic probation or violating the Senate attendance regulations), the administrative head of the group represented shall declare a vacancy and designate that member from the eligible student body who at the last election received the next highest vote to serve for the duration of the elected student member's ineligibility. The Secretary of the Senate shall maintain attendance records and shall notify the administrative head of the college represented when the representative of that college has been absent without explanation from three meetings of the Senate during the academic year. A student member shall become ineligible to serve on purgation from the Student Senate. (US:10/8/79)

Newly elected student members of the Senate shall take their seats at the first meeting of the Senate in the fall, or any special meeting called during the preceding summer.

Background and Rationale:

This proposal is an accommodation to legally mandated changes passed during the special session of the legislature in May of 1997 requiring integration of the operations and governance of the Lexington Community College (LCC) with that of the University of Kentucky while splitting off the rest of the Community College system under a separate Board. The Senate Council supports the creation of a unified Senate to facilitate academic coordination and the creation of a system of collaboration that serves as a model for Universities and Community Colleges across the nation. Numerous academic/governance issues will need to be addressed in the coming months and the creation of a unified Senate will facilitate discussion of those issues.

The number of faculty Senators added is consistent with the number that should represent LCC faculty given their numbers and the current formula for calculating representation found in Senate Rule I - 1.2.2.1. Though a student representative is being added from LCC this does not increase the size of the Senate by a 10th member since Senate membership as defined in the current regulations reflects one MORE student senator than has actually served in the Senate since the merger of the College of Library Science and

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the College of Communications. The merger resulted in the actual reduction of number of student senators by one but the number in the regulations was never changed. This change is to ensure student representation from the Lexington Community College. A sophomore student would be a more senior member of the student community.

If approved, this proposal will be forwarded to the administration for inclusion in the Governing Regulations.

Implementation Date: 1 July 1998

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