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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 Reconsideration of proposal to revise University Senate Rules,
Section I - 1.5.1.1, Authority Relative to Appointment of President

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

1.5.1.1 Authority Relative to Appointment of President The *Governing Regulations* adopted by the Board of Trustees May 5, 1970 and amended February, 1972, and October, 1987 provide: "In the event of a vacancy in the Office of President or disability of the President, the Vice President for Administration shall exercise the functions of the President in the absence of the appointment of an Interim President by the Board. If the Board finds it desirable to appoint an Interim President it shall seek advice from a joint Board-Faculty Committee to recommend the appointment of a President if such has been constituted or, if the committee has not been constituted, from the University Senate Council. . . .The President of the University is appointed by the Board of Trustees with the advice of a joint committee of the Board, faculty, and student body. The committee shall consist of five members of the Board appointed by its chair; [three] four [members of the full-time teaching and/or research faculty of the University System] University faculty eligible to serve on the University Senate, selected by a procedure determined by the University Senate; [one member of the full-time teaching faculty of the Community College System selected by a procedure determined by the Community College System Council;] and one full-time student appointed by the chair of the Board. The committee shall provide opportunity for discussion between representative administrative, faculty, and student groups and prospective presidential candidates."

1.5.1.2 Procedures In the event of a vacancy, or official announcement of an impending vacancy in the Office of President, the following procedure shall be utilized in selecting the [three] four faculty members of the University System to serve on the Search Committee:

- A The University Senate shall serve as the nominating body. Nominations shall take place at a regular or special meeting of the Senate.
- B Each voting member of the Senate will be provided with a complete list of [the full-time teaching and/or research faculty --] the same faculty members who are eligible to be elected to the Senate.
- C The University Senate shall proceed to nominate six (6) candidates. (An addressed sealed envelope containing two smaller envelopes will be given to each member of the Senate present. One of the smaller envelopes will contain four cards which the members will use in voting on the first ballot and the second smaller envelope will contain six cards to be used by the members in voting on the second ballot.) The Senators shall include both the first and last name or initials of the persons for whom they vote to avoid confusion.
 - 1. Each member, using the list of those eligible for election, shall vote for no more or no less than four (4) persons.
 - 2. Only voting members of the Senate shall be eligible to vote in the nominations. An ad hoc committee of the Senate appointed by the Senate Council chair shall count the votes immediately and announce the names of the twelve (12) individuals receiving the highest number of votes, plus any ties for the 12th position. No nominating speeches will be allowed.
 - 3. The Senators shall then vote for no more or no less than six (6) of these candidates.
 - 4. Each Senator will sign his or her name in the upper left-hand corner of the envelopes containing ballots.
 - 5. The six candidates receiving the highest number of votes, plus any ties for the 6th position, shall be declared nominated. The chair of the Senate Council will check on each of the nominees to determine that he or she is available and willing to serve before the six names are placed on the election ballot. If any of the six or more is unwilling or unable to serve, the person receiving the next highest number of votes on the second nominating ballot will serve as replacement. In the event of ties, decision by lot will be reached.
- D The Secretary of the Senate shall then conduct a mail election ballot on the nominees. Those eligible to vote on this ballot shall be the same as those eligible to be elected to the Senate.

- * Each faculty member shall vote for no more or no less than [three (3)] four (4) of these candidates. No ballot containing more or less than [3] [4] names shall be counted. (RC: 4/14/86).

E The [three] four nominees receiving the highest number of votes shall be recommended to the chair of the Board of Trustees for appointment to the Board-Faculty Committee. Ties shall be broken by lot.

Background and Rationale:

The Senate Council felt that despite the separation of faculty from all but one of the Community Colleges it was important to retain four faculty representatives on the committee to maintain a strong and diverse faculty voice in this important process. Lexington Community College faculty eligible for Senate membership would be eligible for selection to the committee in the same way faculty on the Lexington and Medical Center Campuses would be.

Implementation Date: 1 July 1998