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TO: Members, University Senate

FROM: University Senate Council

RE: AGENDA ITEM: University Senate Meeting, Monday, 10 April 2000.
Proposal to amend the University Senate Rules, Section VI – 6.1.6 , Student Participation in Academic Affairs

Proposal (Delete bracketed portion; add underlined portion)

6.1.6 STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

The faculty of each college within the University and the faculty of the Graduate School shall establish some form of Student Advisory Council (SAC) to represent student opinion on academic matters pertinent to that college or school.

The form for each Council, as well as the areas of responsibility, shall be determined by the faculty of the college or school. Students themselves shall be responsible for the selection of Council members by democratic process. Each Student Advisory Council shall keep records of its proceedings. The dean of each college or school shall forward for approval a statement of form and of areas of responsibility to (1) the University Senate Council and (2) the appropriate chancellor.

The faculty of each college or school shall [determine whether] include a student member [of] recommended by its Student Advisory Council who shall be entitled to vote with its faculty council or equivalent body on academic affairs.

Rationale:

This proposal is made in the spirit of the Strategic Plan of the University of Kentucky, whereby it states that we as a community must “Pursue diligently a climate of integrity, openness, trust, and mutual respect for all members of the University community,” by “ensuring that appropriate and timely information is provided to students on matters that affect their personal well-being and academic development.”

Implementing these proposed changes will cater to the cause of “Strengthening consultation with faculty, staff, and students in decision-making within academic and other units.” It will also cater to the cause by “Recognizing all members of the University as colleagues, equal as persons and important in their contribution to the University community.” The students, as members of the this University community, must have insurance that our representation is intact and sufficient to carry out all of our future endeavors that pertain to academic affairs and ultimately the betterment of our University.

The proposal was initiated by the Student Government Association and approved by the Senate Council.

Implementation: Fall, 2000.

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