

24 August 2000

TO: Members, University Senate

FROM: University Senate Council

RE: AGENDA ITEM: University Senate Meeting, Monday 11 September 2000
Proposal to amend University Senate Rules, Section I – 1.2.2.1A Eligibility.

Proposal: (Add underlined sentence)

Section I

1.2.2.1A **Eligibility**: At the time of the election to the Senate, the chief administrative officer of each specified academic unit shall be responsible for submitting a list of eligible faculty to the Secretary of the Senate for certification and determination of the number to be elected. Faculty members on phased retirement are not eligible to vote for members or serve in the Senate. The Secretary shall rely on the list so provided, and in case of any dispute, the Rules Committee shall be responsible for certification of eligibility. Eligibility shall be determined as of the time of the conduction of the election.

Rationale. When the rule was written, there was no phased retirement program. Subsequently, some colleges have been certifying faculty on phased retirement as eligible and others have not certified them. We need a uniform policy. The Rules Committee notes that under current rules only full time faculty are eligible to vote for and serve in the Senate. Faculty in phased retirement are not full time by definition and can devote as little as one quarter time to faculty duties. Their official interest in Senate policies is waning. Moreover, faculty in phased retirement may arrange schedules so that they are off for a semester or even a year at a time. The Committee feels that eligibility should be limited to full time faculty.

Implementation: Upon passage

US Agenda Item: USRIII 1.2 amend 9.11.00