S90-1 Departmental Voting Rights

Legislative History:

Amends (replaces) S84-13.

At its meeting of February 19, 1990, the Academic Senate approved the following Policy Recommendation presented by Cecilia Mullen for the Organization and Government Committee.

ACTIONS BY THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT:

"Approved and Accepted as University Policy Effective Fall, 1990 and thereafter" Signed Gail Fullerton, 2/22/90.

1. Voting rights described in this policy exclude all personnel matters but include all other departmental matters, including nomination of department chairs.

2. a. For purposes of this policy, "department of primary assignment" means the academic department or equivalent unit officially designated for a faculty member at the time of appointment, or the department to which he/she has been subsequently officially reassigned on a permanent basis. The department of primary assignment of faculty permanently assigned to more than one department is the department in which they serve more than half-time.

   b. The department of primary assignment for regular faculty not serving more than half-time in any one department shall be as designated by the Academic Vice President, after consultation with the faculty member and the departments in which he/she serves. Changes in such designations may be requested by the faculty member, but shall not be effective until the semester following that in which the change is approved.

3. Regular faculty have full permanent voting rights in the department of their primary assignment. Permanent voting rights are terminated by permanent reassignment to another department, complete
retirement, or other termination of employment. They are suspended for any semester in which the individual holds a full-time administrative or other non-instructional position in the university. Leave (with or without pay), part-time non-instructional assignment, or temporary reassignment to another department do not terminate departmental voting rights in the department of primary assignment.

4. Regular and temporary faculty have departmental voting rights in any department in which they are teaching at least half time (0.5 FTE/F or 7.5 WTU).

5. Departments, by majority vote of those with departmental voting rights, may give voting rights to regular or temporary faculty serving less than half-time in the department.

6. While students, staff, or other non-faculty may have voting rights on department committees, organizations, and other such groups, they may not be granted departmental voting rights.

7. Faculty retired under the Faculty Early Retirement Program retain departmental voting rights during any semester in which they are on active service in the department. They may also vote in any other semester if they give the department written notice to that effect before the beginning of the semester, so long as they intend to return to active service in the subsequent semester.

8. UP S83-10 and UP F66-6 are repealed.

9. Proxy voting in departmental matters shall be allowed only by specific departmental rule.