Supplement to S93-2

At its meeting of March 15, 1993, the Academic Senate approved the following Policy Recommendation presented by Theodore Norton for the Organization and Government Committee.

BOARD OF GENERAL STUDIES

Resolved,

That the "Administrative Structure" provisions of UP S85-7, as incorporated in S93-2, be amended to read as follows:

I. The Board of General Studies shall consist of twelve members: seven teaching faculty (representing at least five colleges), two students, the Associate Academic Vice President for Undergraduate Studies, the Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies (Curriculum), and the administrator from Admissions and Records responsible for the Assessment Center.

A. The teaching faculty and the student members shall be appointed by the mutual consent of the elected members of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate and the President of the University upon confirmation of nominees by the full Senate.

1. Faculty appointments should be made on the basis of interest, competence, and experience in the General Education curricula. Desirable qualifications include collegiate education in two or more disciplines and experience in interdisciplinary or multidisciplinary instruction. Faculty appointees shall be tenured.

2. Faculty appointees shall serve three year staggered terms. When a full-term vacancy is to be filled, or a vacancy for an unexpired term of more than one year, applications shall be solicited from the faculty at large.

3. Vacancies shall be filled for the balance of the unexpected term, except as provided in b).

a) If the vacancy is for less than one year, campus-wide solicitation for applicants is not required.
Consideration shall be given to those who applied for the last vacancy for which campus-wide solicitation was required, to persons recommended by the Academic Vice President, and, in the case of a one-semester interim appointment, to persons suggested by the member taking leave.

b) A faculty member of the Board may take leave for one semester. A one-semester interim appointment may then be made, as provided in a).

4. Student appointments should be made on the basis of interest, experience in the General Education curricula, and a scholastic record of academic excellence.

5. Student appointees shall serve two year terms, except that the first set shall be appointed for staggered terms of one and two years.

B. Administrative members shall serve ex officio.

C. The Chairperson shall be the Associate Academic Vice President for Undergraduate Studies.

D. The Board shall report to the Academic Vice President.

II. The authority and responsibility for the Board of General Studies, which is exercised in terms of the Trustees' 1961 "Statement of General Principles in the Delegation of Authority and Responsibility to Presidents," is as follows:

A. The Board shall actively solicit courses and curricular proposals designed to satisfy General Education requirements from all colleges and departments of the University, shall review, approve and authorize courses and curricular proposals for purposes of General Education, and shall evaluate the courses and curricula it has approved.

B. The Board, in consultation with the appropriate college deans and department chairpersons, shall provide for and approve "challenge" mechanisms for Basic Skills requirements.

C. The Board shall provide, in consultation with the Associate Academic Vice President for Undergraduate Studies, the Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies (Curriculum), and the administrator from Admissions and Records responsible for the Assessment Center, for the supervision and evaluation of the quality of student advisement in the Center.

D. The Board shall consider petitions from programs for relief from the forty-eight semester hour general education requirement. Petitions shall be approved whenever the total number of units required for purposes of formal accreditation of the program, plus the units required for general education, exceed the maximum number of units that can be required for the degree under Trustee regulations.

ACTION BY THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT: