F96-3 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS: STUDENT REPRESENTATION ON SENATE; ELIGIBILITY TO BECOME SENATE OFFICERS

Legislative History:

At its meeting of September 9, 1996, the Academic Senate approved the following call for Constitutional Amendments (subsequently approved by the faculty electorate October 1, 1996, by a vote of: 171.30 to 3 on Amendment A to revise student representation; and 166.30 to 7 on Amendment B to revise eligibility and election procedures for Senate officers.

Attached is a copy of Academic Senate Policy Recommendation F 96-3. This policy is accepted as University Policy effective November 1,1996.

Copies sent to Executive Committee, Academic Senate.

ACTIONS BY THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT:

Approved and signed as University Policy by Robert L. Caret, November 1,1996.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Resolved:

That the Academic Senate, pursuant to Article Vl of the Academic Senate Constitution proposes the following constitutional amendments:

Amendment A of Constitution Article II, Section 6.

SECTION 6. Student representatives shall consist of the President of the Associated Students and Associated Students Director of Academic Affairs who shall serve ex officio; and five (5) representatives elected at-large by the Associated Students in the same manner as student officers. At-large student members of the Academic Senate may not concurrently hold any other elected student body office. Student representatives shall be elected for one-year terms. Vacancies in these Senate seats will be filled according to By-Law.

Amendment B of Constitution Article II, Section 1, Article II, Section 5, Article III, Section 1, and Article III, Section 2, as follows:

ARTICLE II -- MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. The Academic Senate shall consist of representatives from the University administration, faculty, and students. In the interests of communication and cooperation, the Emeritus Faculty Association and the Alumni Association shall also each have a representative. Student, administration, emeritus faculty and alumni representatives have the same rights to speak and vote as other members, but may not serve concurrently as elected representatives of the faculty, and are not qualified for election as officers of the Senate. At least two-thirds of the total membership of the Senate shall be members holding office under Sections 3, 4, and 5 of this Article.

SECTION 5. The Chair of the Academic Senate and the previous year's Chair, (if not the same person as the current Chair), shall be members of the Senate ex officio.

ARTICLE III - ORGANIZATION

SECTION 1. The presiding officer of the Academic Senate shall be the Chair. The Vice Chair shall preside in the absence of the Chair. The Senate shall have such other officers as may be provided for by the By-Law.

SECTION 2. The times and procedures for the election of all Senate officers shall be as provided for By-Law.