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At its meeting of March 18, 2002, the Academic Senate passed the following Senate Management Recommendation presented by Pam Stacks for the Organization and Government Committee.

**SENATE MANAGEMENT
AMENDMENT OF STANDING RULE 15
SPONSORSHIP OF EVENTS**

Whereas: The Senate has been allocated specific budgetary support for its own administration, and has from time to time, raised some non-state funds by voluntary contributions for other activities; and

Whereas: It is, therefore, no longer necessary to limit the ability of the Senate to sponsor or co-sponsor activities to those which require no financial support; and

Whereas: A clarification about the approval process for Senate Committees that may wish to hold open hearings, sponsor workshops, etc. needs to be addressed; be it therefore

Resolved: Modify Standing Rule 15 as follows:

15. The Senate may, by "Sense of the Senate" resolution, sponsor or co-sponsor conferences, forums, lectures, and other public events and activities, subject to the following guidelines:

a) Senate sponsorship is most appropriate for events and activities whose purpose is educational enhancement and/or promotion of intellectual discussion, consistent with the Mission and Goals of the University.

b) The event or activity must be non profit. If any expense is to be incurred by the Senate, the Executive Committee shall make or obtain an estimate and ascertain that funds are available. Expenditures shall be in accordance with Standing Rule 20, Senate Finances.

c) The event or activity is of special interest or concern to the campus community or is of general public interest, and members of the campus community are involved as planners or participants.

d) Events and activities concerned with current political and social issues must be structured to present a range of views and opinions and must be conducted with adherence to the principles of freedom of speech. Opportunities for questions and rebuttal are desirable.

e) Written requests for Senate sponsorship or co-sponsorship of events and activities shall be referred to the Executive Committee for report and recommendation to the Senate.

Public hearings, workshops, and similar activities presented by Senate committees within the scope of their charge do not require Senate approval, unless Senate sponsorship or funding is sought.