


UNIVERSITY OF
Miami
FACULTY SENATE
MEMORANDUM

To: Donna E. Shalala, President

From: Mary Coombs
Chair, Faculty Senate



Date: May 9, 2006

Subject: Faculty Senate Legislation #2005-17(B) – Addition of a graduate student as an *ex officio* member of the Student Affairs Committee

The Faculty Senate, at its April 26, 2006 meeting, voted unanimously to include a graduate student as an *ex officio* member of the Student Affairs Committee. For your reference, the proposed changes to the Faculty Manual are shown below as underlined additions and ~~strikethrough~~ deletions.

B4.11 The Student Affairs Committee deals with student conduct and activities, including: social, service, and religious organizations; student government; intramurals; student publications; student services; student orientation, and the Honor Council. In addition, the committee shall receive and act upon appeals from decisions affecting student academic status. It shall consist of one faculty member from each undergraduate school and ~~one *ex officio* student representative.~~ two *ex officio* student representatives, one undergraduate and one graduate, which students will act as liaisons with the relevant student governments. A majority of the committee's voting membership shall constitute a quorum, and decisions of the committee on appeals shall be by a majority of those present. In addition to appeals by individual students the committee shall act upon an appeal for an interpretation of matters within its sphere of interest by a member of the faculty or administration. The committee shall report its actions to the Executive Vice President and Provost, who shall in turn report the decision on the matter to the appellant(s), to interested persons, and to the committee. When requested by the Executive Vice President and Provost, this committee may examine and make recommendations regarding the appeal of an academic grade (without re-evaluating the student's performance) if the student has exhausted all avenues available within the school. The committee's findings on the appeal of a grade will be provided in writing to the Office of the Provost with a copy to the Secretary of the Faculty Senate; findings and recommendations will not be furnished to the appellant from the Committee or from the Secretary. ~~A member of the committee shall act as liaison with Student Government.~~

This legislation is now forwarded to you for your action.


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cc: Thomas LeBlanc, Executive Vice President and Provost
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PRESIDENT’S RESPONSE

APPROVED:  DATE: May 10 2006
(President’s Signature)

OFFICE OR INDIVIDUAL TO IMPLEMENT: Faculty Senate Office

EFFECTIVE DATE OF LEGISLATION: _____
(if other than June 1 next following)

NOT APPROVED AND REFERRED TO: _____

REMARKS (IF NOT APPROVED): _____