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Addition to the Faculty Senate agenda, Nov. 16, 1989

FACULTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

HEALTH CARE PLANS

Action (5 minutes)

MOTION:

That the following resolution be approved:

The faculty wishes to express its deep concern to the President and the Senior Vice President for Finance and Operations over the lack of consultation by the University administration with the Senate Committee on Faculty Affairs on the change in health insurance from Blue Cross's Aware Gold Plan to the State Health insurance plan. The process completely failed. Hence, the faculty was prevented from expressing its views and engaging in the policy analysis of acceptable alternatives through the Senate committee process.

We expect the University administration to consult fully with the appropriate University Senate committees on issues that affect the welfare of the University faculty either directly or indirectly.

DAVID DITTMAN
Chair

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Senate Finance Committee
Annual Report, 1988-89

The Senate Finance Committee (SFC) met monthly from 3:15 - 5:00 Thursdays, typically following the Senate Consultative Committee meeting. In addition a number of special meetings were held in order to consult with administrative officers about matters which faced an imminent decision date.

During the academic year SFC participated in the following major activities:

1. Met jointly with the Senate Consultative Committee to consult with administrative officers regarding the development of the biennial request (1989-91).
2. Discussed a "draft proposal for 1988-89" describing procedures for dealing with the financial exigency which might result in the event legislative appropriations were inadequate.
3. Conferred with the Academic Vice President and others of that office in connection with the operations and maintenance request and the capital request. Both requests were closely examined for their consistence with the academic planning document "Academic Priorities."
4. Received reports from civil service representatives and the Director of Personnel concerning civil service compensation and differences between salary schedules and increases of civil service staff at the University and state employees.
5. Discussed University legislative strategies for the 1989 session with the Vice President for External Relations.
6. Heard from the budget director a proposal to provide a closer linkage between planning and budgeting by decentralizing the budget process.
7. Concurred with SCEP's proposal to enhance the Morse-Alumni Teaching Award program.
8. Recommended to the Academic Vice President that attention be directed toward maintaining the effectiveness of the Graduate School's General Research Fund.
9. Received reports on: financial management systems, tuition, support services, civil service survey.
10. Discussed with the Senior Vice President for Finance and Physical Planning the proposed budget principles and implementation strategy for 1989-90.

Several of these items remain on SFC's agenda. A retreat scheduled for early Fall will be the occasion for determining the Committee's complete agenda for 1989-90.

Warren Ibele
Chair