To: The Academic Senate

From: Committee on Instruction and Curriculum (CIC)

Subject: 16-17 CIC 78: Proposed Change to Bylaws

Purpose: Approval of the Academic Senate and placement on the Fall 2017 Ballot

Action Requested: That the Senate send the proposed changes to the Bylaws of the University Faculty to the faculty for a vote of approval. If approved by 2/3 of voters, provided there are enough votes cast in the election, the Bylaws of the University Faculty shall be amended to add the Dean of Undergraduate Studies as a non-voting member of the Committee.

Background Information:
At its meeting on February 27, 2017, the Committee discussed a proposal to add the Dean of Undergraduate Studies to its membership. The Committee membership is defined by the Faculty Bylaws, Article XVII, Section 1, Subsection C. This was brought to the Committee by the Chair as first noted in his annual report (see 16-17 BC 1, p. 17). As noted in the report, CAPR has both an appointee and a named administrator as voting members of that committee. In addition, FDEC (see XVII, Section 6, B, 5) and COBRA (see XVII, Section 5, C, 2) have administrators as voting members beyond the President’s appointee. However, concerns were expressed about the power of the administration within the Senate. Some Senates in the system have only tenure-line faculty members on its bodies while others have as large as half of committee members in administration. The Dean sits on CIC’s General Education Subcommittee and Writing Skills Subcommittee as an ex officio voting member, per the Committee’s policies and procedures. The Committee felt a compromise position of having the Dean as a non-voting member (akin to the AVP of Extension who already has such a position) would be useful and practical.

The Committee voted 10-1 to recommend approval of the request at its meeting on Feb. 27 (the member voting “nay” expressed that they wanted the Dean to be a voting member).

While not voted upon by the Committee, it is noted that the Faculty should consider invoking Article IX, Section 7 of the Constitution to change “Division of Extended Education” to “University Extension” in CIC’s Membership in the Bylaws.

Proposed Amendment to the Faculty Bylaws:
CIC recommends the following amendment to Article XVII, Section 1,C of the Bylaws of the
University Faculty (as noted by bold red font):

C. The Membership of the Committee on Instruction and Curriculum shall be:
   1) Eight (8) members from the Colleges of the University;
   2) One (1) appointee of the President of the University;
   3) One (1) representative of the Library;
   4) One (1) representative of the Student Services Professional electorate;
   5) Two (2) members of the student body of the University, one (1) undergraduate and one (1) graduate; and
   6) One (1) non-voting representative of the Division of Extended Education; and
   7) The Dean of Undergraduate Studies, as a non-voting member.