AMENDMENTS TO THE UNIVERSITY SENATE CODE
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Approved by University Senate on 4/28/2011

RATIONALE: The Unclassified Staff Senate and the University Support Staff Senate recommend adding additional representatives from their senates to six of the nine University Senate committees. A more detailed rationale (in italics) follows each paragraph.

ARTICLE XII. STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE
Section 1. Committees Identified

Section 2. Membership

The Committee on Academic Computing and Electronic Communication shall be composed of four faculty members, one of whom shall be from the Libraries, serving staggered three-year terms, one faculty member of the Faculty Senate appointed for a one-year term, two representatives from the unclassified staff and one representative each from the unclassified staff and from the university support staff serving three-year terms, two students, an undergraduate and a graduate serving one-year terms appointed by the student body president. The Director of Information Technology or designee and the KU Privacy Officer shall serve as ex officio, nonvoting members. The members of the committee should be selected so that they will be broadly representative of the University faculty and students by user groups and disciplines.

**Rationale:** There are more than 130 members of the unclassified staff in the main Information Technology unit; there are at least that many IT specialists in the schools, research units and administrative units. We believe that the addition of a second UPS representative would offer this committee valuable knowledge and up-to-date insights about the status of IT developments on campus.

The Committee on Academic Policies and Procedures shall be composed of seven faculty, and two representatives from the unclassified staff and one representative each from the unclassified and from the university support staff serving three-year terms, and three students serving one-year terms. A representative of the Provost's Advising Leadership Team, appointed by that group, and the University Registrar, shall serve as ex officio, non-voting members.

**Rationale:** There are 750 members of the unclassified staff in the academic sector. A significant number of them have responsibility for communicating and implementing academic policies and procedures. When a change in an academic policy is being considered, these staff members are able to offer detailed and reliable insights about how the change will affect students and to advise on steps for implementation. At present, the UPS representative to AP&P is Assistant Dean Kim McNally of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; the Unclassified Senate believes it would be beneficial to add a representative from one of the professional schools.

The Athletic Committee shall be composed of six faculty members serving staggered three-year terms beginning July 1, three student members, and one two representatives from the university support staff Senate and one representative from the unclassified staff Senate appointed in accordance with the rules and regulations of their respective governance bodies. The NCAA Faculty Representative and the Associate Director of Athletics for Student Athletic Support Services will serve in an ex-officio capacity as non-voting members. The six faculty and three student members shall also simultaneously fill the terms of the specified faculty and student members of the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics. The six faculty members shall be appointed by FacEx in accordance with Article VIII, section 3, of the University Senate Code. Two student members shall be nominated by the Student Body President and confirmed by the Student Senate for two-year overlapping terms. The third student member shall be elected by the Student Senate University Affairs Committee for a one-year term.

**Rationale:** Athletics is one of the most prominent faces of the University. University Support Staff have direct interacts with athletic programs and the students who participate in them. In order to
better serve the student-athletes, the university community and staff concerns, another seat at the table helping develop policy is requested.

The Calendar Committee ... No change in membership requested.

The Committee on International Affairs shall be composed of five faculty members serving staggered three-year terms, one representative each from the unclassified staff and two from the university support staff serving three-year terms, five student members serving one-year terms, and the following ex-officio, non-voting members: the Associate Vice Provost for International Programs or designee, the Director of International Student Services, the Director of the Applied English Center, the Director of Study Abroad, the president of International Students' Association, the chair of the Student Senate Multicultural Affairs Committee, and a representative of the Multicultural Resource Center appointed by the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

Rationale: Many of the incoming and outgoing study abroad students are co-workers of university support staff. The success of international students is in everyone's best interest and has a direct impact on university support staff. As part of a global community, we are the face of the University to incoming students. Direct involvement with international students will promote their success as students and the University's image as a welcoming place for these students.

The University Committee on Libraries ... No change in membership requested.

The Committee on Organization and Administration shall be composed of seven faculty and one two representatives each from the unclassified and university support staff serving staggered three-year terms, and three students serving one year terms.

Rationale: Over the years, unclassified professional staff and university support staff have become increasingly engaged in University Governance. We believe it is appropriate that our representation on the committee dealing with the structure and operation of University Governance reflect that involvement.

The Planning and Resources Committee shall be composed of four faculty members serving staggered three-year terms, one two representatives each from the unclassified staff and one from university support staff serving three year-terms, and two students, an undergraduate and a graduate serving on-year terms, appointed by the Student Body President. The Director of the Office of Institutional Research and Planning and the Vice Provost for Administration and Finance shall serve as ex-officio, non-voting members.

Rationale: Many members of the unclassified professional staff are engaged in planning and budgeting at the unit level; many others have responsibility for implementing plans that have been adopted. Increasing UPS representation on the P&R Committee would provide for broader communication about institutional planning goals.

The Committee on Retirees Rights and Benefits ... No change in membership requested.