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The more recent history of the UCA Faculty Senate in relation to committee member selection and committee alteration recommendations includes the use of an unofficial and informal subcommittee working group (referred to as the Committee on Committees). This working group has been constituted with a Senator from each College/Academic Unit in order to achieve equal faculty representation from the various stakeholder groups. The group routinely puts forward annual recommendations to the Faculty Senate for the approval of faculty members to fill various positions on University committees, among other activities related to committee maintenance and composition.

The official process, as delineated in Chapter 7 of the Faculty Handbook, designates the Faculty Senate as the official Committee on Committees, however, with the responsibilities of making a continuous study of the committees, making appointments, making change recommendations where needed, and publishing a complete list of committees and memberships to the faculty and administrative offices each fall.

Recently, the Staff Senate and Student Government Association have requested a more active involvement in these processes. As currently worded, the Faculty Handbook would imply that the Faculty Senate has the sole responsibility of making changes to University committees (pending approval of such recommendations by the University President). The Faculty Senate does not make Staff or Student Government appointments, except where explicitly indicated to do so by a current committee membership guideline. These positions are instead (and appropriately) filled separately by those decision-making bodies.

Many of the University committees, however, have a strong Staff and/or Student Government membership. The Faculty Senate has the recommendation power to make alterations to committees (pending Presidential approval), yet these non-Faculty groups are not currently included in this working subgroup's membership. This would seem to

lead to a lack of representation for those groups in the processes that could dictate their degree of membership and ability to contribute to the shared governance of the University. This resolution is an attempt to provide representation for these groups in this process.

*Whereas the Faculty Handbook, Chapter 7, specifies that the Faculty Senate acts as the Committee on Committees-*

*Whereas these duties include recommendations on alterations to standing University Committees made to the University President for his approval-*

***In order to become more inclusive and representative of the Staff and Student Government decision-making bodies in this Committee review/alteration process, in an effort for effective shared governance of the University, we resolve the following:***

***The Faculty Senate working subgroup (henceforth known as the Committee Study Group, or CSG) will consist of a Faculty Senator from each College/Academic Unit, the President and President-Elect of the Staff Senate (or their designees), and the President of the Student Government Association (or their designee). These members will have full voting rights in this working group, providing representation for their constituents in the University committee alteration/adjustment processes.***