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At its meeting of February 1, 1999, the Academic Senate passed the following Policy Recommendation presented by James Brent for the Organization and Government Committee.

POLICY RECOMMENDATION
STAGGERED TERMS FOR COMMITTEES

Modifies Senate By-Laws 4.1 and 4.2

Whereas: staggered terms for Senate committees are desirable insofar as they promote continuity and institutional memory, and

Whereas: when members have served one-year, at-large terms, the original expiration dates of certain seats have occasionally and inadvertently been forgotten, and

Whereas: of the nine faculty seats on the Student Fairness Committee, eight are scheduled to expire in 1999, and

Whereas: of the nine faculty seats on the Committee on Committees, six are scheduled to expire in 2000, be it therefore

Resolved: that the By-Laws of the Academic Senate be modified to read as follows:

4.1…

Appointments to the Committee on Committees shall be recommended by the elected members of the Executive Committee and approved by the Senate. Members (other than the Chair and the Associated Students president) shall serve for staggered two-year terms, with five seats expiring in each even-numbered year and four seats expiring in each odd-numbered year. The Executive Committee may vote to assign certain seats temporarily to one-year terms to meet this requirement.

4.2

The Committee on Committees shall…

e) have the authority to propose temporarily shortening the length of terms of faculty seats on operating committees in order to ensure that the committee membership is sufficiently staggered. Such shortening of terms must be approved by the Executive Committee. Once sufficient staggering is achieved, all terms will revert to their original length.

Financial Impact: None

ACTION BY THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT: Approved by President Robert Caret on March 4, 1999.