TO: University Senate

FROM: Jeff Ford, Chair
Senate Rules Committee

RE: Changes to CAFR composition and quorum

WHEREAS, Faculty Rule 3335-5-48.9 stipulates the membership of the Committee on academic freedom and responsibility; and

WHEREAS, a quorum of five faculty members is often not practical; and

WHEREAS, certain cases handled by the Committee on Academic Freedom and Responsibility pertain to Promotion and Tenure of faculty members;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the University Senate approves amending 3335-5-48.9 of the Rules of the University Faculty and respectfully requests the concurrence of the Board of Trustees, said proposal to be effective upon approval by the Board of Trustees.

3335-5-48.9 Committee on academic freedom and responsibility.
(A) Membership.
The committee on academic freedom and responsibility shall consist of eight seven members during autumn, winter, and spring quarters and ten nine members from June to the beginning of autumn quarter.
(1) Six regular tenure-track tenured faculty (eight during the summer period), at least three of whom are members of the senate or members-elect at the time of their selection by the faculty council. The term of service begins in the summer quarter following election and extends through the summer quarter following the third year of service.
(2) Two One graduate teaching, research, or administrative associates.
(B) Duties and responsibilities.
(1) Study all conditions which may affect the academic freedom or responsibility of the faculty of the university, including the review of proposed changes in the "Faculty Handbook," Chapter 3335-6 of the Administrative Code (rules of the university faculty concerning faculty appointments, reappointments, promotion and tenure), and such changes in the "Operating Manual" as may impinge upon academic freedom or tenure. If the committee finds that any such proposed change adversely affects academic freedom or tenure, it shall report that finding promptly to the senate for its review.
(2) Hear and investigate complaints by individual faculty members concerning alleged infringements upon academic freedom or responsibility in the university; report findings and recommendations to the parties involved with the hope of mediating a dispute and report to the senate if further action by the senate is appropriate.
(3) Hear and investigate complaints by individual faculty members concerning alleged improper evaluation under the procedures of rule 3335-5-05 of the Administrative Code.
(C) Organization.
(1) A quorum consists of five four members.
(2) As a standing committee of the senate, this committee is also governed by the provisions of rules 3335-5-46 and 3335-5-48 of the Administrative Code.
(3) Graduate Student member is recused in cases pertaining to Promotion and Tenure of faculty members.