TO: University Senate

FROM: John E. Davidson, Chair
Senate Rules Committee

DATE: 2/7/08

RE: Proposal to develop a procedure to consider university governance participation by regular clinical track faculty

WHEREAS, the College of Medicine requested a review of the policy on university-governance participation by regular clinical track faculty in the SP quarter 2007; and

WHEREAS, the University Steering Committee convened an ad hoc committee on clinical governance to study the matter in AU 07, which concluded that the universal exclusion of regular clinical faculty was unfair, unwise, and outmoded, and further generated a proposal containing the following rationale; and

WHEREAS, regular clinical track faculty are fully invested in the academic mission of the university; and

WHEREAS, many regular clinical track faculty conduct significant research that arises from their engagement as teachers and practitioners in their fields of employment; and

WHEREAS, the denial of university governance rights to regular clinical track faculty did not anticipate the development of the regular clinical faculty track in some units; and,

WHEREAS, institutions increasingly allow participation of (the equivalent of our) regular clinical faculty; and,

WHEREAS, the Senate Rules Committee at its meeting on 01-17-2008 deemed the proposed changes to be consistent with the current size, apportionment, and balance in the structure of the University Senate;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the University Senate approves the proposed changes to Faculty Rules 3333-5-19.1 and creation of Faculty Rule 3335-7-11, and respectfully requests the concurrence of the Board of Trustees, said proposal to be effective upon approval by the Board of Trustees.

3335-5-19.1 University faculty.

For the purposes of the governance functions described in rules 3335-5-20 to 3335-5-25, and rule 3335-5-37, the term “university faculty” shall mean all regular tenure-track faculty, such regular clinical track faculty as are authorized pursuant to rule 3335-7-11.
the president, members of the president's planning cabinet serving at the president's pleasure and designated as executive heads of offices, the deans of the colleges of the graduate school, and the Dean for undergraduate education.

3335-7-11 Participation in governance by regular clinical track faculty

(A) A college or academic unit that appoints regular clinical track faculty determines the level of participation in college and departmental structures.

(B) A college or academic unit that appoints regular clinical track faculty and elects senators may, by vote of at least a majority of all of its regular tenure track faculty, determine that the regular clinical track members of its faculty are eligible for election to the University Senate.

(C) Following approval by a college or academic unit of eligibility of its regular clinical track faculty for election to the Senate under the foregoing paragraph:

1. For purposes of selection of university senators, the electorate for that college or academic unit shall be composed of all regular tenure track and regular clinical track faculty.

2. Any regular clinical track faculty member appointed by the college or academic unit may stand for election to serve as a representative in the Senate.

3. The minimum and maximum numbers of clinical track faculty from each college or academic unit that may serve as representatives in the Senate shall be determined by majority vote of regular tenure track and regular clinical track faculty appointed by that college or academic unit within the limits provided for in paragraph 4 of this section.

4. One senator or not more than 45% of the senators representing that college or academic unit, whichever is greater, may be regular clinical track faculty of the college or academic unit.