TO: University Senate

FROM: Jeffrey K McKee, Chair
Senate Rules Committee

DATE: 4/24/09

PROPOSAL FOR AMENDMENT OF FACULTY RULE 3335-5-09, “COMMUNICATION WITH THE DEAN”; SPONSORED BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS communications of faculty with the Deans and provost are of great value in “One University”; and

WHEREAS the current wording of “Communication with the dean” is unduly restrictive; and

WHEREAS the rule is not practical and could inhibit free speech,

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the revisions to Faculty Rule 3335-5-09 be approved by the University Senate and respectfully requests the concurrence of the Board of Trustees, said proposal to be effective upon approval by the Board of Trustees.

3335-5-09 Communication with the dean, and vice president and provost.
(A) All faculty members of the department shall have the right to transmit, through their chair or director, to the dean of their college, and to the office of the vice president and provost any relevant communications bearing upon the work in which they are personally engaged, and the chair or director shall promptly transmit to the dean any communication so received. For faculty with the rank of professor, this usual method of communication may be altered in an individual case.
(B) This rule shall in no way limit the dean in communicating with members of his or her faculty:

3335-5-09.1 Communication with the executive vice president and provost.
(A) Each faculty member assigned to a regional campus shall have the right to transmit, through the dean and director, to the executive vice president and provost or designee, any relevant communication bearing upon the work in which he or she is personally engaged, and the dean and director shall promptly transmit to the executive vice president and provost or designee any communication so received. For faculty with the rank of professor, this usual method of communication may be altered in an individual case.
(B) This rule shall in no way limit the executive vice president and provost or designee in communicating with the regional campus faculty. (B/T 2/1/80, B/T 7/8/83, B/T 10/4/85, B/T 12/5/86, B/T 11/2/90, B/T 5/3/96, B/T 4/4/97, B/T 12/4/98)