

**General Faculty Meeting to Discuss Reviewing the Faculty Senate Charter**  
**January 20, 2000**  
**RSC Ballroom**

**PRESENT:** Al Katz, Pope Wright, Maria Cuzzo, Gloria Toivola, Ron Mershart, Don Davidson, Thomas Notton, Marshall Johnson, Joel Sipress, Rich Walker, Don Hinman, Richard D. Stewart, Michael Wallschlaeger, Chas Schelin, Bill Swenson, Glenn Carlson, John Davis, George Wright, Michael Ball, John Marder, Chad Scott, Marilyn Toscano, Victor Piotrowski, Thomas D. Pfaff, Mike Scheiderwent, Chuck Reichert, C. E. Schrenker, Bob Carmack, Hal Bertilson, David Carroll, Paul Keeney, and Nancy Minahan.

**DISCUSSION:** Senate Chair Carmack invited comments and suggestions on the topic of reviewing the Faculty Senate Charter. The following are those comments. There is need for greater participation in Senate actions. There is a need for correcting representation. There is value in having representation from every department. The sizes of our departments vary widely so that department representation is uneven in representing by constituency. If committees and councils are effective, lethargy may occur at the Senate level. A significant problem has been convincing people to serve. There are too many governance positions (62 positions in the Senate and three councils for 100 faculty). Others suggested that this wasn't a problem. We haven't had a lot of stability in the recent past and it might be wise to keep the same form of governance to provide stability. Consider returning to a University Senate.

It was suggested that the Charter Review Committee conduct interviews with people who had served on the councils and Senate and interviews with those who had not been serving.

Several comments were made for the present Faculty Senate to consider. These are not comments for the Charter Review Committee. It was suggested that the Faculty Senate review options in cases in which the Faculty Senate approves something and the Chancellor denies it. It was suggested that the Faculty Senate could send a letter of protest about the delayed salary increases this year. It was suggested that the Textbook Rental Committee provide a report to the Faculty Senate.

Hal Bertilson, Faculty Senate Secretary.