

**University Senate
Revitalization Committee and
Committee on University Governance, and Role, Composition and Function of the Senate
Recommendations of Joint Committee, March 21, 2000**

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The Senate Revitalization Committee and the Governance Committee met jointly to review the charges to the Revitalization Committee and evaluate the progress of the committee. The members agreed that they had addressed all of the charges, at least in part. Nevertheless, the Committees identified three areas that still need consideration:

- Increasing the involvement of faculty in the Senate, especially with respect to the composition and manner of election of faculty senators;
- Refining the relationships between the Senate, the University's governing boards, its constituencies and the University administration; and,
- How to get important issues onto the Senate's agenda.

Although the Committee recognizes that these are ongoing issues, they feel that they should be the subject of a focused examination by a Senate Committee. The members felt that these issues could most judiciously be considered by a combination of the Revitalization and Governance committees. Therefore, the committees recommend that:

- the ad hoc Revitalization Committee be disbanded, and the members of that committee invited to serve on the Governance Committee through 2001; and that
- the Executive Committee formally charge the Governance Committee with further examination of the specific areas listed above.