

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN SENATE ASSEMBLY RULES COMMITTEE, 1999-2000

The membership of the Rules Committee in 1999-2000 was:

David C. Blair, Business Administration
Andrew Flint, Medicine
Alfred O. Hero III, Engineering
John T. Lehman, LS&A
Ronald J. Lomax, Engineering (Chair)

The main topics we addressed were:

(1) Presentation at Senate Assembly

On November 22, 1999, the chair made a presentation to Senate Assembly of the Report on Representation of Unrepresented Groups on Senate Assembly, that was submitted to SACUA by the committee in the winter term 1999.

(2) Proposed Changes to Regents Bylaws

Several changes to Regents Bylaws 5.01, 5.23, and addition of 5.24, were proposed by the Provost's office. These were related mainly to the status of the Clinical II track, extending this track to all units subject to central administration approval, and clarification of the status of Primary Research Scientists. The committee reviewed these proposals and made a number of comments and suggestions. The chair of the committee gave a summary of these at the December 13, 1999 Senate Assembly meeting at which the Secretary of the University was also present. As a result of our work, some modifications were made to the proposal. The modified text of the proposals was published in the University Record, January 10, 2000, pp. 2 & 8, for public comment, before enactment by the Regents.

(3) Representation of Librarians on Senate Assembly

The Rules Committee discussed looking into the way that membership of the University Senate is determined for librarians. This appears to require action from the Dean of the School of Information (SI) and approval by their faculty. Since there seems to be nobody in SI who is a librarian, this looks somewhat anomalous. On the other hand librarians cannot be represented on Senate Assembly directly, since only schools and colleges are represented.

However, we first consulted with Barbara MacAdam, who is a member of SACUA and a librarian in the Hatcher Graduate Library on the procedures as she had experienced them. On the basis of her reply, we did not see a good reason to proceed further, except to make the following recommendation:

“The count of senate members of the School of Information to be used in the apportionment for Senate Assembly should be confined to School of Information faculty and those in other units with the job titles listed below who have at least 50% total effort appointments. As in other units, all of these can vote for the senate assembly members without regard to appointment fraction.

Job Titles

Assistant Librarian
Associate Librarian
Senior Associate Librarian
Librarian”

Submitted for the Rules Committee,

Ronald J. Lomax, Chair