

UNIVERSITY SENATE

UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY  
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Introduced by: Governance Council

Date: March 9, 2009

**Charter Amendment to Ensure Better Consultation**

IT IS HEREBY PROPOSED THAT THE FOLLOWING BE ADOPTED:

1. That the proposed amendment of the University *Senate Charter* adding a new Section IV.1.3 to the duties of the Senate Chair (material boldfaced in the amendment below) be adopted and that current IV.1.3-IV.1.5 be renumbered accordingly.
2. That this amendment go into effect immediately upon approval.
3. That this amendment be forwarded to the President for approval.

**Rationale:**

The last few years have seen successive turnovers in the senior management of the University. Such transience has occasionally resulted in failure to adhere to the principles of consultation with the Faculty through its elected governance bodies as embodied in the Faculty Bylaws and the Senate Charter. (See the 3/09/09 Report by the Governance Council to the Senate.) It is critical that the administration avail itself of any and all opportunities to consult University at Albany elected governance bodies, consistent with the principles and articles contained in the *Faculty Bylaws* and the *Senate Charter*. Therefore, the Governance Council recommends that the Senate Chair be explicitly charged with the responsibility of informing future presidents of the requirement for consultation with University at Albany elected governance bodies.

**Section IV: Officers of the University Senate**

In addition to those duties specified in the *Faculty Bylaws* Article II, Section 3.4:

IV.1. the Chair

IV.1.1. shall represent the Senate;

IV.1.2. shall meet regularly with the President;

**IV.1.3. shall advise the President on the principles of consultation with the University at Albany elected governance bodies as stated in the *Faculty Bylaws* and *Senate Charter*;**

IV.1.4. shall assist the Secretary in preparation of the minutes;

IV.1.5. shall serve on the Committee on Council Nominations of the Governance Council;

IV.1.6. may serve as the Presiding Officer of the Faculty, as specified in *Bylaws* Article I Section 3.