

REPORT TO THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

ON STEERING COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE AND ACADEMIC YEAR 1977-78

During the University and academic year 1977-78 the Steering Committee met in formal session eleven times for an average of 1.9 hours per session. The agenda and minutes of these meetings are available for public inspection in the Office of the Provost, 207 Varner Hall. Individual members spent many additional hours in informal work on Committee business. But on the whole 1977-78 was a calm year in which generally routine, but important, business was dealt with in an unspectacular fashion. The Steering Committee is grateful for the respite.

I. Regular Activities

1. Senate Business: The Steering Committee arranged ten meetings of the University Senate, two of which were especially called beyond the close of winter semester. The record of the Senate meetings may be found in the publicly distributed agenda and minutes. The Senate should be congratulated for the quality of its deliberations and the dispatch with which it handled its business.
2. Standing Committees:
 - a. Annual Reports: The Annual Reports of the Senate's several standing committees appear on the September 12, 1978, agenda. Most are testimony to the fine quality of service rendered by these bodies. The Steering Committee will study the Reports for possible policy implications.
 - b. The Steering Committee monitored the work of all committees and undertook to maintain their membership in as fair a manner as possible. Some slippage in nominating procedures was revealed this past winter; the Steering Committee will make corrections in future.
 - c. Upon motion of the Steering Committee (4/13/78), the Senate discharged the Athletics Committee with thanks and established a new President's Committee on Sports and Recreation. One hopes the new arrangement will prove more satisfactory to the Senate than the old.
 - d. Somewhat surprisingly, the Steering Committee received no requests for appeal hearings from judgments of the Academic Conduct Committee during 1977-78. The conclusion is inevitable that the Academic Conduct Committee is doing its work thoroughly, and fairly.
3. The Steering Committee has established an ad hoc subcommittee (Ms. Eberwein, Messrs. Russell and Tower, Chair) to study the matter of procedures for Presidential Review. A report will be forthcoming.

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II. **Special Activities:** For the first time in several years, the Steering Committee is happy to report that during 1977-78 it neither was called upon to undertake, nor did it undertake on its own, any activities which might be called "special." Praise be for small favors.

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