Establishment of a Faculty Forum

That on the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 3:30 p.m., in a centrally and conveniently located room of adequate size, there shall be scheduled a meeting of the Faculty Forum.

The Faculty Forum may permit the discussion of any topic properly brought before it. It shall not be empowered to pass any legislation, but shall be empowered to accomplish the following:

1. Take "consensus votes" of all who are present, such votes to be recorded and reported in actual count of the numbers accepting any alternative position, including negative votes.

2. Request a regularly scheduled meeting of the Faculty or Senate, or a regular standing committee of the Senate, to consider a motion growing out of the meeting of the Forum.

3. May direct a question to either campus or central administration dealing with a matter discussed at the Forum, or acted upon by the Senate or Faculty, the answer to said question to be made at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Senate or Faculty.

Motions to these effects are debatable, may be amended; and in respect to a consensus vote, a motion to refer the issue to the entire faculty on a mail ballot may be made at any time as long as no topic is under discussion.

That, before any topic shall be admitted to the calendar of the Forum, it shall be presented to the Secretary of the Faculty over the signature of ten (10) members of the faculty representing at least two schools or colleges no later than thirty-six (36) hours prior to the meeting of the Forum; that topics shall be considered in order of their being presented to the Secretary of the Faculty, and shall be communicated to the faculty as expeditiously as possible (including the posting of topics in official glass-enclosed bulletins of the Secretary of the Faculty); provided, that the sequence of topics to be considered shall be the first order of business at each meeting of the Forum and may be altered by a majority vote of those attending; and provided further, that new topics may be added by a 2/3 vote of those voting; and if there is no motion for consensus or other possible action, the discussion of any topic may be terminated by a majority voting for a motion "I move that discussion on the present topic shall be ended and that we proceed to the next order of business" (this motion shall be non-debateable).

On the first meeting of the Faculty Forum in each academic year, the first order of business shall be the election of the Permanent Chairman; the first meeting shall be called to order by the President of the Senate who shall not be eligible to be the Permanent Chairman.

A motion to adjourn is a privileged non-debatable motion which may be made at any time except during a vote and its being counted, provided that the mover has been recognized by the Chairman.