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To: The Faculty Senate
Via: The Senate Executive Committee

From: William A. Dillon
Presiding Member
University ARTP Committee

Subj: Amendment of Section 2.00 of the University ARTP document

The University ARTP Committee recommends amendment of the subject section by adding a new Section 2.00 and renumbering as 2.01 the current section:

Section 2.00 Application

Unless otherwise expressly excepted, faculty unit employees and administrators shall be governed by the University ARTP policy and the primary and secondary unit policies consistent with it.

This amendment states clearly in the University document that all faculty and administrators who have a part in ARTP decisions are bound by University and unit policy in all cases and may depart from them only if expressly authorized to do so by University or unit policy. The intent of the amendment is to preclude any participant in the process from claiming that he or she is not bound to follow a policy because the policy by expressly applying to another participant such as a committee does not by implication apply to him or her.

Previously the understanding to be conveyed by this amendment was embodied in an interpretive letter from the Committee to the Senate. But because no record of that letter appears to have survived and the understanding appears again to be in question, the Committee is recommending amendment of the University policy to preserve and publicize the understanding until the Senate shall see fit to alter it.

The Committee requests that its Chair be invited to participate in the Executive Committee’s discussion of this recommendation.

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Enclosure

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