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## Faculty Senate Resolution 98-09

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To: Faculty Senators

From: John R. Collier, Ph.D.  
Faculty Senate President

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "John R. Collier". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Re: Faculty Senate Executive Committee Action: Graduate Dean Search

Date: June 4, 1998

At a special Faculty Senate Executive Committee meeting on June 3, 1998 pursuant to Articles VI sections 2<sup>1</sup> & 3 of the Constitution of the Faculty Senate (see page 40 of the Aug 1997 Faculty Handbook) the Executive committee took immediate action on the issue of a search for the Graduate Dean since in our collective opinion the process would have been much more difficult to affect by delaying even a day or two. Therefore calling a special Faculty Senate meeting at this time between sessions was not a productive option. We became aware of the impending actions of the administration the day previous to this meeting, felt it was not an isolated incident, and therefore it was even more imperative that action be taken immediately.

The Executive Committee by unanimous action of those present and those accounted for by informed proxy, suspended the rules regarding passage of a resolution on first reading and passed the attached Resolution 98-09, and subsequently collectively delivered it to the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost personally immediately following the meeting. The Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost agreed to our request. Since our action is unusual, yet constitutional, this resolution, and a fuller explanation of our actions will be presented to the full Faculty Senate at either the first Faculty Senate meeting in the fall, or if called at a special Faculty Senate meeting during the summer. The summer meeting would occur only if continuing events would necessitate calling such a meeting. See Article V Section 2 and 3<sup>2</sup>. Since we are acting for the Full Senate, I would readily call a special Faculty Senate meeting to discuss our action if a significant number (not necessarily 20) of requests are made; and if a sufficient number of Senators are present or represented by proxy at a special meeting, to have the Senate consider ratification of our action. Although only required by the Faculty Senate Constitution to notify the full Senate of our action, we will present this action for ratification at the next appropriate Faculty Senate meeting.

cc: Dr. Daniel Fogel  
Dr. William Jenkins

<sup>1</sup>Article VI section 2 "... If issues arise that require immediate response or action, the Executive Committee is empowered to act for the Senate. The full Senate shall receive notification of such action at or before its next meeting."

<sup>2</sup>Article V "Section 2. Special meetings of the Faculty Senate may be called at any time by the President of the Senate and shall be called by the President upon the written request of 20 members of the Senate." And "Section 3. Fifty percent of the authorized membership of the Senate shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of the Senate".

## **Faculty Senate Resolution FS 98-09**

*Whereas* the principle of shared faculty governance is an imperative for a university aspiring to be counted among the best institutions in the nation, and

*Whereas* searches for and selections of administrative personnel should be undertaken in a manner reflecting this principle of shared governance, and

*Whereas*, in particular, the search for and selection of a Graduate Dean, the chief officer responsible for graduate teaching and research, must be in the hands of the faculty and not be a simple appointment by the Provost,

*Therefore*, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, speaking for the Faculty Senate, urges that the planned appointment of a Graduate Dean be halted and that, furthermore, an open and nationwide search to fill the position of Graduate Dean be conducted.