

## **Report of the Faculty Life Committee**

*Reporting Date: 9/14/2000*

**Proposed Committee Charge: The Faculty Life Committee will examine issues of faculty concern, which are not primarily academic, financial or student matters but which are germane to faculty welfare or the ability of the faculty to fulfill its responsibilities.**

**The Committee met on September 8 and considered four issues:**

- 1. Mediation Committee Recommendations.** Wythe Holt agreed to summarize the issues and provide a follow-up analysis for the Faculty Life Committee. We will examine the summary and provide a recommendation to the Senate on possible changes to the mediation document.
- 2. Faculty Mentoring System:** The Committee agreed that it would be useful to consider a mentoring system for new faculty. We will pursue this issue in coming meetings.
- 3. Diversity Issues:** The Committee is dedicated to pursuing ways of extending faculty involvement in these issues. We discussed several ideas about additional activities the Senate might promote. We will continue to examine these issues, to monitor University progress on diversity matters, and to consider what we might do to follow up on the workshop planned for October 1.
- 4. Domestic Partners Benefits:** The Committee is prepared to provide input on this matter at the appropriate time. We assume we will receive a request for consideration of this issue from those proposing the policy and circulating a petition.

**The Committee plans to meet again on October 24.**

**Subsequent meetings will be on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 3:30. Locations to be announced.**

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