

SENATE PLANNING REVIEW COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT
1992-1993 ACADEMIC YEAR

I. Committee Members:

Sheldon Appleton (as Chair of UCUI), J. Curtis Chipman(Chair), Carole L. Crum, George Dahlgren (as Chair of GC), Joseph Hovanesian, Heather Nicholson, Ravi Parameswaran, Margaret B. Pigott, Roderic E. Righter. (During Mr. Appleton's illness, Robert T. Eberwein served in his stead as Interim Chair of UCUI.)

II. Principal Concerns and Accomplishments

During its initial year, the primary concern of the committee was to make explicit the relationships implied by its charge with the president, the VPAA, the SBRC, the GC, and UCUI.

Appendix C of this report contains the committee's primary products for the year in a series of memoranda sent outside of the committee. Here is a brief overview of what these documents contain. Procedures and practices developed for working with other Senate committees are summarized in the April 23 note to Ms. Eberwein revising and extending my remarks for inclusion in the minutes of the April Senate meeting. Procedure and practices for working with the president are primarily contained in the cover page of the August 3 memorandum to her and the minutes of the August 6 meeting with her.

In addition, the committee took a number of advisory positions on matters before the Senate, related to its charge, or under consideration by the president. These are the primary subjects of memoranda addressed to Mr. Horwitz as Acting VPAA from myself or jointly with Mr. Callewaert.

III Suggestions for Follow-Up Activity

From my perspective, the committee seems fully engaged with projects for the current academic year. As the final strategic planning document approached the Senate, the committee will be involved. From a preliminary meeting with Mr. Russi, I am aware of a number of planning projects that he also wishes us to consider in the areas of space utilization and information infra-structure. I will confer with him before setting the committee's full agenda for the coming year. I trust the Steering Committee will inform me with regard to charge item number 9 for the 1993-1994 academic year.

IV Issues for Steering Committee Attention

I mentioned two items in my preliminary report of August 31--the president's planned presentation on the current budget and the need for a common meeting time. For the purposes of this report I wish to add a supplemental warning to my public acknowledgement of Mr. Hough's sound judgement on the issue of the need for two committees.

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I have been personally very pleased with the close working relationship developed by Mr. Callewaert and myself over the last year. On various occasions, we have each individually taken the initiative to involve the other committee when perhaps only one was initially contacted. However, this cooperation is not automatic and it should not be assumed by the Steering Committee that it will naturally be pursued by future chairs of these two committees.

I strongly urge the Steering Committee to take the necessary steps to support the continued cooperation between the SBRC and the SPRC as we move through the natural transition of chairs. Certainly each new chair should be briefed by the retiring chair. The Steering Committee might wish to consider meeting jointly with both chairs at the beginning of each academic year to review committee reports and assess, for themselves, the level of positive interaction from the previous year. Because of the different perspectives you have charged these two groups to take on major issues before this university, there is always going to be a natural tension between them. Due care must be taken to assure that this tension continues to be a constructive one, as it has been during this initial year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Curtis Chipman, Chair