

February 9, 2005

Javier Martinez
Chair
Senate Committee on Governance
New York University

Dear Javier:

On behalf of the Administrative Management Council (AMC), I thank you for your correspondence, dated January 18, 2005, regarding the scheduled review of the membership of the University Senate to be conducted by the Senate Committee on Organization and Governance (SCOG).

The Administrative Management Council, along with the Student Senators Council, the Faculty Senators Council, and the Deans Council, is deeply devoted to the academic mission of New York University. During a student's experience from applicant to alumnus, administrators play an integral role in providing an optimal academic environment for student and faculty success.

The University Senate is the main forum in University governance through which students, faculty, Deans, and administrators come together. As with most representative bodies, a great deal of the work of the Senate is accomplished through its standing committees. The AMC requests that its Senate representation be increased by two Senators, for a total of five Senators, thereby ensuring that all Senate standing committees (excluding Faculty Affairs committee) be represented by one AMC Senator and at least one AMC alternate senator, as specifically provided for in the proposed revisions to the Senate Rules of Procedure below. We believe this level of AMC participation will benefit the University by providing all committees with valuable administrative knowledge, insight, and support. The Chair of the AMC would continue to serve on the Executive committee and one other standing committee.

We thank the members of SCOG in advance for their due consideration.

With warm regards,

Alison Moppett
Chair, Administrative Management Council

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE SENATE RULES OF PROCEDURE

2a. Academic Affairs Committee.

(1) Membership. The Academic Affairs Committee shall consist of the Chancellor and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, two members nominated by and from the Deans Council, four members nominated by and from the Faculty Senators Council, three members nominated by and from the Student Senators Council, **and ~~one member~~ two members nominated by and from the Administrative Management Council.** The Committee shall elect its own chairperson. The Committee shall consider the educational policies of the University and shall have responsibility for stimulating and promoting experimentation and innovation.

2d. Financial Affairs Committee.

(1) Membership. The Financial Affairs Committee shall consist of the President, who shall be the chairperson of the Committee, the Senior Vice President for Finance, the Chancellor and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, ~~one member~~ **two members nominated by and from** the Administrative Management Council, two members nominated by and from the Deans Council, five members nominated by and from the Faculty Senators Council, and four members nominated by and from the Student Senators Council. The membership from the Deans and Faculty Senators Councils together shall consist of at least one representative from each of the Faculty of Arts and Science, the School of Education, and the Stern School of Business. The Director of the University Budget and the Vice President for External Affairs shall be advisory members of the Committee.

2e. Organization and Governance Committee.

(1) Membership. The Committee shall consist of the Secretary of the University and one additional representative of the Central Administration, two members nominated by and from the Deans Council, four members nominated by and from the Faculty Senators Council, three members nominated by and from the Student Senators Council, **and ~~one member~~ two members nominated by and from the Administrative Management Council.** The Committee shall elect its own chairperson.

2f. Public Affairs Committee.

(1) Membership. The Public Affairs Committee shall consist of two representatives of the Central Administration, three members nominated by and from the Faculty Senators Council, two members nominated by and from the Deans Council, two members nominated by and from the Student Senators Council, **and ~~one member~~ two members nominated by and from the Administrative Management Council.** The Committee shall elect its own chairperson.

2g. University Judicial Board.

(2) Membership. The Board shall consist of six students chosen by and from the Student Senators Council, six faculty members chosen by and from the Faculty Senators Council, six deans chosen by and from the Deans Council, **and three five members chosen by and from the Administrative Management Council.** The size of the Board may be increased at the request of the Board. Hearings shall be conducted by panels of four Board members, one from each of its constituencies, in accordance with the provisions of the Disciplinary Procedures. The Board shall elect its own chairperson.