RUTGERS UNIVERSITY SENATE University Structure & Governance Committee

<u>Report and Recommendations on</u> <u>Including Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration as Administrator Senator</u>

CHARGE

Charge A-0810 - Including Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration (SVPFA) as Administrator Senator.

Consider the suggestion proposed by Senator and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Phil Furmanski to add the Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration as an ex officio, with vote, administrator Senator, as are currently the President, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, chancellors, and school and college deans. Respond to Senate Executive Committee by January 2009.

SUMMARY

The University Structure and Governance Committee (USGC) was charged with considering the addition of the Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration as an ex-officio, voting, member of the University Senate. The Senior Vice President has universitywide responsibility for administrative matters and can provide significant insight, advice, and guidance to members of the Senate. Additionally, the Senior Vice President's peers currently serve in ex-officio voting positions within the Senate.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The committee recommends that:

- 1. The Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration serve as an ex officio, voting, administrator Senator.
- 2. The number of administrative-appointee Senators be concurrently reduced from two to one to offset the addition of Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration as an ex officio Senator.
- 3. The Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration be a member of the Senate's Budget and Finance Committee, and act as administrative liaison to both the Budget and Finance Committee and the Executive Committee of the Senate.
- 4. The pertinent passage in the Senate Regulations be amended¹ to read:
 - B. Voting Membership and Procedures

(1) The voting members of the University Senate shall be the faculty senators, elected by and from the faculty members of the faculties, colleges, schools, campuses, and other units of the university as described in C (1)-(5), the student senators as described in section D, ten representatives from among the staff, and six representatives elected by the Alumni Federation. The President of the University, the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration, the Chancellor, Rutgers - Newark, the Chancellor, Rutgers - Camden, the Vice President for Information Services & University Librarian, the dean of each faculty, school and college, and two additional members of the administrative staff to be named by the President shall also be voting members of the Senate. The immediate past chairperson of the University Senate, if not already serving as an elected Senator, shall remain a voting Senator for one further year. The Senate may also appoint non-voting members.

¹ Other changes were made in the text to correct titles of positions.

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