Proposed Standing Rules Revisions Presented at the May 8, 2008 Faculty Senate

4/17/08 Recommendation from Mark Meyers on behalf of the Committee on Committees: Changes to the Computing Resources Committee and Graduate Council were fairly minor and changes to the Research Council were extensive. Responses from the committee members were positive and the Committee on Committees approves of the changes to the standing rules for the Research Council, Computing Resources Committee and Graduate Council.

Computing Resources Committee
The Computing Resources Committee reviews and recommends policy concerning technology as used by faculty in instruction, research, and service on campus and off-campus. It assists in planning and advocating for the necessary technology to maximize student learning and enhance faculty research and service activities to OSU and the wider community. It acts to advise other committees and Information Services as well as providing leadership in adoption and effective use of computing for instruction, research, and service. One member of the Computing Resources Committee serves as the designated Faculty Senate representative to the University Information Technology Committee. The Committee shall consist of six Faculty, at least four of whom must be Teaching Faculty, and two Students, and the Vice Provost for Information Services, ex-officio, non-voting. The Vice Provost for Information Services may recommend a resource person from Information Services as another ex-officio, non-voting member.

The Executive Committee is encouraged to look for broad representation in the appointments to the committee in order to provide disciplinary diversity.

Rationale: The Administrative Information Systems Advisory Council no longer exists. This revision would formalize the currently occurring participation of a member of the Computing Resources Committee on the University Information Technology Committee.

Graduate Council
The Graduate Council has jurisdiction over the policies, procedures, and requirements of graduate education. The Council establishes and reviews admission standards, basic degree requirements, and general policies; approves all graduate faculty members, new programs, and courses; and periodically reviews all existing graduate programs. The creation, design, and specific requirements of graduate programs and of individual student's programs are the responsibilities of the academic units; however, no academic unit has authority to waive or supersede the general policies of the Graduate Council. As needed, the Graduate Council reviews applications and nominations for specific university-level graduate student awards and recommends award recipients. Upon request, the Council also reviews university-level proposals for extramural funding of graduate training and education programs.

The Council consists of one graduate faculty member from each College and one graduate student. The Chair shall be a faculty member with immediate prior experience on the Council. The Dean and Associate Dean of the Graduate School and the Chair of the Graduate Admissions Committee shall be ex-officio, non-voting members.

Rationale: To formalize current practices.
Research Council

The Research Council establishes policies for matters pertaining to sponsored research activities. It promotes, stimulates, and facilitates research activity, disseminating information about availability of grant funds and procedures for applying. It assigns recommendations priorities for distribution of various internal funding programs and for external solicitations that require limited submissions from the institution. The Research Council also reviews proposals for Centers, Institutes, and Research Programs (CIP), and is advisory to the Vice President for Research on matters related to CIP. The Council consists of nine fifteen Faculty members, and five alternate Faculty members who are selected from throughout the University preferably at least one from each college. The Administrator of the Research Office, or designee, shall be a non-voting, ex-officio member of the Council. The Chair shall be a Faculty member with immediate prior experience on the Council, appointed annually by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. In the event that a Council member is a principal investigator or co-investigator of a proposal to be reviewed by the Council, the chair shall replace the Council member with an alternate and the alternate will then participate in the review of all the proposals being considered for the particular funding opportunity. The membership of the Research Council will adhere to the comprehensive conflict of interest policy of the Research Council.

Rationale: To formalize current practices and increase the membership.