SC.92.14 Discharge of the Senate Review Commission

BACKGROUND

The Senate Review Commission was established by the Senate on September 15, 1986, in accordance with Article V, Section 9 of the Senate Constitution which provides: "Periodically the Senate shall provide for a comprehensive review of its size, organization, structure, and operation by a commission composed of members of the faculty and student electorates, and administrative officials."

The Commission held more than twenty-five meetings during the first two years of its existence. The Chair suffered an injury which delayed progress initially and was followed by resignation as Chair. An Acting Chair was appointed and progress resumed. But with the passage of time, members elected to the Commission graduated or resigned and the work of the Commission slowed and then halted.

Currently, the activity levels of the Senate and various of its committees have changed so that the recommendations contemplated by the Commission need review in terms of current circumstances. Further, the membership is depleted so that a majority of the Commission would be new to the work of the body if the Commission were reconstituted at its former size.

Thus, the Senate Council recommends to the Senate that the existing Commission be discharged. The Senate Council will come to the Senate at a later date with a proposal to establish a new Senate Review Commission, the fourth to be created since the current Senate structure came into existence.

RECOMMENDATION

The Senate discharge the Senate Review Commission.

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