

FACULTY MEETING
April 29, 2011

MOTION

Motion: Reduce the Committee on Academic Freedom and Rights from six faculty to five members.

4. COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND RIGHTS (CAFR) — Elected
Function: To serve as guardian of the academic freedom and rights of all members of the academic community; to receive inquiries and complaints concerning academic freedom and rights and to consider formal charges of violations of academic freedom and rights from any faculty member, student, administrator, trustee or from the CAPT; to advise and make appropriate recommendations to the President. The Operating Procedures of the CAFR are available from any member of the Committee. The CAFR meets annually, and whenever necessary in the pursuit of its functions, with the appropriate committee of the Board of Trustees. Revisions to Part One of the Faculty Handbook, Articles I–XI, XIV–XVI, and XVIII are reviewed by the CAFR for its recommendations prior to a faculty vote.

Membership: ~~Six~~ **Five** members of the Faculty, none of whom is on the CAPT, the Tenure Review Board, the CAS, or the FAB, at least two of whom are untenured at the time of their election and two tenured, each to serve a three-year term and each from a different department; and no more than six students, selected by SGA.

Rationale: In response to the faculty's recommendation of a 33% reduction of faculty governance overall, CAFR is confident that it can reduce its size by one faculty member yet remain an effective committee. And, because it is a faculty-only committee, this reduction will not affect a faculty-administrator ratio.