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To: Academic Senate

From: Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee
Scott Eatherly, Chairman

Re: Constitution Revisions, #9

May 23, 1973

The proposed revision in the I S U Constitution closes with the statement:

... Specific academic freedom and tenure case decisions shall be forwarded to the president.

At the present time, the policies of the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee, as approved by the Academic Senate on May 5, 1971, call for the following:

V. Role of Board of Regents
The President shall transmit the full report of the Faculty Hearing Committee to the Board of Regents. If the Board of Regents choose to review the case, it is hoped that the following procedures will be employed in keeping with the spirit of cooperation expressed in its Governing Policies: The Board review should be based on the record of the previous hearing. Opportunity should be provided for argument, oral or written or both, by the principals at the hearing or their representatives. If the decision of the Faculty Hearing Committee is overruled by the Board of Regents, it shall be returned to the Faculty Hearing Committee with objections specified. The Hearing Committee shall then reconsider its decision, taking into account the stated objections and receiving new evidence if necessary. The Hearing Committee should then frame its decision and communicate it as before. Only after study of the Faculty Hearing Committee's reconsideration should the Board of Regents make a final decision.

The Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee believes that the present policy is unquestionably the desirable one to follow, and therefore recommends that either

(1) the revision end with the preceding sentences, thereby leaving the document general in application, or
(2) the phrase "for transmission to the Board of Regents" be added to the proposed last sentence.