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Action Memorandum

Sunday, April 13, 2014

To: President
CC: Secretariat for the Standing Committees
Cabinet
From: Council of Chairs
Re: Recommendation that service as a registered student group adviser be counted as participation in the participatory governance structures of the college

The Council of Chairs on the tenth day of the fourth month of two thousand and fourteen moved, seconded, and unanimously recommended that service as a registered student group adviser be counted as participation in the participatory governance structures of the college.

The Council of Chairs holds a broad view of participation in the governance of the college and notes that both faculty and staff have more than one interface to the governance of the college. Students have the fewest interfaces to the governance structures of the college, their interactions with faculty and staff in registered student organizations is thus all the more important.

The Council of Chairs holds that governance includes communication and participation in the life of the college. The council is all too keenly aware that membership on a standing committee does not ensure that participation is actively occurring. The active involvement of a member of the faculty or staff with a registered student group contributes more to the health of the collegiate governance ecosystem than inactivity on a standing committee.

The council also knows that over time faculty and staff will move between positions as advisers of registered student groups and members of standing committees, bringing to each an enriched knowledge set and perspective.