Proposals on Resignation by Absences For October 12, 2011 FC Meeting Revised draft 10/5/11

## Proposal 1:

Any Faculty Council member who misses more than three Faculty Council meetings (including special meetings) in one academic year has, thereby, resigned from the Council and her or his seat should be filled as soon as reasonably possible by the FC Election committee. Until a new representative is elected the member's seat will be considered vacant and therefore the Council quorum will be recalculated according to total seats filled.

## Proposal 2:

Any Faculty Council member who misses more than three general Faculty meetings (including special meetings) in one academic year has, thereby, resigned from the Council and her or his seat should be filled as soon as reasonably possible by the FC Election Committee. Until a new representative is elected the member's seat will be considered vacant and therefore the Council quorum will be recalculated according to total seats filled.

## Rationale

Strong and effective faculty governance is essential to maintaining the academic quality of this university. When representatives do not attend meetings on a regular basis, they not only disenfranchise the voices of their division, but they also disenfranchise the voice of faculty governance and therefore of the faculty as a whole.