November 4, 2005

MEMORANDUM

TO: Julie Harrison, Executive Secretary
   Secretary for Academic Governance Office

FROM: Jeremy Hernandez, Chairperson
      University Committee on Student Affairs (UCSA)

SUBJECT: UCSA Proposed Bylaw Amendments

In response to University Committee on Academic Governance (UCAG) request for clarification on the use of the term "selected" vs. "elected" in the proposed bylaw amendments, the following comments were made:

- UCSA feels that ASMSU should be given the responsibility to select or nominate student representatives on university-wide committees, even if those selected are not active in ASMSU. We feel this is the best option currently available to insure that the selection process is fair for all undergraduate students and provides for a centralized place to hear about open positions. Our ASMSU representatives also mentioned a rigorous screening process exists to fill any open positions.

- In regard to the use of the language "any and all", what is meant is that ASMSU would serve as a channel to elect or nominate student representatives to university-wide committees. UCSA feels this is important as the current appointment system is somewhat decentralized and may result in well-qualified students missing opportunities to be aware of any particular committee openings. By channeling this selection process through ASMSU, it provides for a more diverse pool of potential applicants.