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**LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION**

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Recommendation that the Faculty Senate support six hours reassigned time each spring semester for a faculty member to serve as lobbyist to represent faculty interest during the legislative session, and that this person suffer no reduction in salary, provided: 1) adequate notice is given, 2) a suitable replacement is found, and 3) funding for the replacement instructor (s) is made available.

RATIONALE:

Representatives of faculty interest via a lobbyist is fair, equitable and desirable given that faculty may not serve in the legislature. Currently issues of interest to faculty include those such as PEIA cost increases; tuition waivers for faculty and their families; higher education employees gaining the right to serve in the legislature; post-547 issues; legislatively mandated caps on the percentage of faculty who may be tenured, and more.

There is ample precedent for the granting of reassigned time to work for a private organization such as when a faculty member writes a book on reassigned time while under contract to a book publisher; when reassigned time is granted under CERI guidelines (Greenbook 13.6, p. 150); and when reassigned time is granted to a faculty member who has received a grant from the government or business.

FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT:

REFERRED BACK TO
COMMITTEE: Danna Donathen DATE: 12/20/99

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT:

READ: [Signature] DATE: 1-10-00

COMMENTS:

On 12/16/99, the senate referred back to the Legislative Affairs Committee for the following:

1) more clarification as to the selection of lobbyist, 2) the number of lobbyist, 3) the mechanisms

of appointment, and 4) the decision of issues.