GENDA COMMITTEE

DIRECT COMMUNICATION

May 6, 1986

Dear Faculty Colleagues,

There follows a report on some of the business your Agenda Committee has been attending to over the past month or so. First, please note we are scheduling two more faculty meetings this quarter.

Faculty Meeting: May 21, 3:00 - 5:00 -- Agenda will appear in near future. June 4 -- due to a conflict, this may be scheduled earlier in the day than usual. Details will follow.

As predicted by the Northwest variation on the popular ditty: "April showers have brought May showers;" the result is that I have a cold. Feeling neither witty nor verbally facile this morning, I shall get on with it.

Sincerely,

Don Finkel Chair of the Faculty

Actions Taken and Business Conducted by the Agenda Committee

- --Following your approval, we have created a Budget Sub-Committee to help register faculty opinion on budgetary decisions affecting academic policy with the administration. Its members are: Judy Bayard, Pris Bowerman, Judith Espinola, Gerry Lassen, and Matt Smith. Right now, most of their energy is going into being educated on the budgetary process by Karen Wynkoop and Patrick Hill.
- --The results of the faculty ballot for the President's Advisory Board are that you have elected to that board: <u>Rob Cole</u>, <u>Nancy Taylor</u>, <u>Byron Youtz</u>, with Mary Huston serving as Alternate.
- --From a list of past academic deans, we recommended to Patrick a number of faculty members whom we judged to be especially well qualified and suitable to serve as acting dean in Barbara Smith's place during the 2 quarters when Barbara will be on leave next year.
- --We invited the deans to select one of their number to be a liaison with the Agenda Committee and to sit in our meetings. They chose Rita Pougiales.
- --The HEC Board (former CPE) has asked the faculties of the state universities and us to form a faculty advisory committee, so they can consult directly with faculty. Each institution is to send two faculty members. We have asked

Betty Ruth Estes (one of our CFR members) and Bill Arney (an Agenda Committee member) to serve until the fall when we can hold elections. They have graciously agreed.

- --We discussed with Arnaldo Rodriguez a list of recommendations regarding next year's admissions procedures which have come out of the ECC (Enrollment Coordinating Committee) and satisfied ourselves that these recommendations were in line with last year's policy formulated by the faculty on these matters; we also gave a small piece of advice regarding special admits for next year in line with this policy.
- --We have spent considerable time at various meetings trying to understand and to steer to the faculty in a useful form, information regarding the following three issues:
 - (a) Report of the Sexual Harassment DTF
 - (b) Proposal for an MPI Specialty Area
 - (c) Proposal for a new Student Advising Center.
- --Finally, we would like to invite you to submit to us by May 19 any evaluations or reactions you have regarding the functioning of the new Agenda Committee and Faculty Governance Process. We will be reporting to you at the final faculty meeting in June our own assessment of this new process, and your reactions will be helpful to us in determining that assessment.