

From: Ad Hoc Committee on Senate Charter/Bylaws Revision

A. First Reading of the Amendment to Amend the Amendment Process

Charter: Suggested wording introduced in the January FS meeting to make the amendment procedures clear with more accurate language that addresses any current needs and future challenge.

ARTICLE VI
Amendment of Charter and Bylaws

All amendments to this Charter and the Bylaws must be approved by two-thirds majority of the Senate members present for the vote and, if approved, shall be sent to the Chancellor. Amendments shall become effective upon approval by the Chancellor. The Chancellor will notify the Faculty Senate Chair regarding decisions on the amendments.

B. First Reading of the Amendment to Amend the Election Process

Bylaws: Suggested wording change to Article V. Omitted Elections Committee and moved to Article IV, Standing Committee.

ARTICLE V
Elections

- Section 1. Of the 22 elected members, 11 senators will be elected each year in an alternating fashion.
- Section 2. All full-time and half-time BOR appointee Faculty members and lecturers teaching at least 8 credits are eligible to be nominated for the general election, and to participate in the voting. No person shall be listed as a candidate for the Faculty Senate without written consent of that person.
- Section 3. The election period will commence on the first Monday of November and run for 5 days.

- Section 4. Elections will be made accessible to all eligible faculty.
- Section 5. Voting must be completed by 4 pm on the last day of the voting period. After the election ends and as soon as is practical, the Election Committee Chair will inform the Faculty Senate Chair of the results. The Faculty Senate Chair will notify the new Senators. Upon the acceptance of position, willing senators will be acknowledged in a campus-wide publication no more than one week after the completion of the election.
- Section 6. After the Senate elections, the newly elected and continuing Senators shall elect officers of the Senate for the following academic year.
- Section 7. Newly elected senators will take office during the first regularly scheduled Faculty Senate meeting of the academic year following their election to office.
- Section 8. Plurality of votes cast are the winners for any election where there are more than two candidates.

C. First Reading of the Amendment to Amend the Election Committee Status

Bylaws: Suggested wording change to Article IV to include the Elections Committee as a Standing Committee.

ARTICLE IV

Standing Committees

(adding and changing the status of the Elections Committee to this Article)

- Section 11. Elections Committee
 - A. Function
 - 1. Conduct the General Faculty Senate elections.
 - a. Solicit eligible faculty members to run for the Faculty Senate.
 - b. Make available a list of candidates to all faculty members at least three weeks before the start of the voting period
 - c. Share with the Faculty a list of candidates on the ballot, and their faculty profiles at least twice prior to election week.
 - 2. Conduct the Faculty Senate Executive Officers elections.
 - B. Membership
 - 1. The Committee Chair and appointed Faculty members shall be voting members.