

Bylaw Change Rationale

Bylaw 1: These changes are to make sure that when necessary there is someone with a clear understanding of parliamentary procedure to help clarify the correct process that needs to be followed during an Academic Senate meeting. The burden of understanding parliamentary procedure often falls to the President of the Faculty or the Secretary General, but they are not always full cognizant of the procedures that need to be followed. Having an individual who is already comfortable with the procedures will mitigate confusion and streamline the meeting progress.

Bylaw 3: These changes were made to clarify quorum and update the voting rules to reflect current practice of regular senate meetings being hybrid.

Bylaw 4: To clarify the rules for the agenda and how the meeting time can be extended if needed.

Bylaw 5: Significant text was added to clarify the how resolutions are to be submitted to the Academic Senate and come for discussion and a vote. The intention is to allow time for all voting Senators to thoughtfully consider the resolution and have time to consult with faculty in their schools to be able to participate in an informed discussion and vote.

Bylaw 6: Text was added to clarify the procedures for voting senators to identify themselves in virtual meetings.

Bylaw 8: To make it clear that newly elected members to the Executive Board are invited to attend Executive Board meetings before their term officially begins to become acclimated with the workings of the Executive Board.

Bylaw 10: Consolidation of the rules for selecting the nominating committee, text moved from the Standing Rules, Bylaw 17.

Bylaw 11: Consolidation and clarification of language for nomination for the Executive Board.

Bylaw 13: Clarify the process for replacing Senators who are not able to serve or are negligent in duties.

Bylaw 14: Consolidation of the rules for distributing election material, text moved from the Standing Rules, Bylaw 17.

Bylaw 15: Updating the to reflect current practice.

Bylaw 16: Changed the name for simplicity.

Bylaw 17: Parts 1, 2, and 3 have been moved to more appropriate previous Bylaws for clarity and to have relevant information in the same place.