

FACULTY SENATE BYLAWS: PROPOSED MINOR CHANGES

Whereas it is fitting to update our Bylaws from time to time in accordance with the demands of realism, the passing of relevant motions, or the establishment of practices that diverge from the Bylaws yet which are independently reasonable,

Be it resolved that:

1. Article II ('Membership'), Section 3, which discusses Senators and their constituencies, shall be modified in the following way: the existing text will remain unchanged, and will be labeled 'part A'. In addition, a new part B will be included – in accordance with a motion already passed – which reads:

Article II.3.B: The part-time faculty shall have three positions in the Faculty Senate, with full voting rights. The elections for these positions will be managed by the Center for Faculty Innovation in the spring term of each year.
2. Article II ('Membership'), Section 4, which discusses terms of office for Faculty Senators, shall now include the following (new text is italicized):

Article II.4: The term of office for the academic unit's member and alternate shall be two years, from the start of the organizational meeting of the Faculty Senate until the end of the regularly scheduled April meeting of the Faculty Senate held in the second year thereafter. No member shall serve more than six years in succession or three terms in succession. *Individual Faculty Senate members shall be responsible for keeping track of the number of years that they have served on the Faculty Senate, and for ensuring that they do not serve more than six years in succession.*
3. Article II ('Membership'), Section 9, which discusses the need for new Senators from the appropriate academic units to stand for colleagues from their academic units who take up officer positions, shall excise the reference to the speaker pro tempore, and shall read as follows, in accordance a motion previously passed:

Article II.9: The academic unit from which the speaker is elected shall elect an additional member for the duration of the speaker's term(s) in office to serve as the member representing that academic unit.
4. Article II ('Membership'), Section 10, which discusses the ex-officio members of the Faculty Senate, shall read as follows (new text is italicized):

The ex-officio members of the Faculty Senate shall be the president, the provost, the Vice President for Administration and Finance, *and the Vice President for Academic Development.* Any ex-officio member may designate someone to serve as his or her representative on the Faculty Senate.
5. Article III ('Officers'), Section 1, point C, which discusses the service lengths for Faculty Senate officers, shall read as follows (new text is italicized):

Article III.1.C: *Excepting the Speaker, who upon election serves a period of two years, Faculty Senate officers shall serve from the date of their election for a 12-month period. The Speaker may not serve for more than two (two-year) terms in office. Other Faculty Senate officers may not serve for more than three successive terms in office (for a total of three years).*
6. Article III, part 2, section A, number 5 ('Officers: Speaker's Duties') conflicts with Article V.8.A ('Meetings'). In Article III it says that "The speaker, with the aid of the Steering Committee, shall make the agenda for all regular Faculty Senate meetings, but a majority of those voting members present and voting may add items to the agenda at a regularly scheduled meeting." However, Article V, where one would normally go to look for procedures regarding getting things on the agenda, is silent on whether the present voting members can force an item onto the

agenda. In order to render these passages consistent, Article V.8.A shall now read as follows (new text is italicized):

Article V.8.A. A member may bring a matter to the Senate for discussion by submitting a written request to the speaker who, with the advice of the Steering Committee, will either (1) place it on the agenda for a future Senate meeting, or (2) refer it to the appropriate Senate committee for study prior to bringing it to the full Senate. *In addition – in accordance with Article III.2.A.5 – a majority of those voting members present and voting may add items to the agenda at a regularly scheduled meeting.*

7. Article III ('Officers'), Section 2, point B, which discusses the duties of the Speaker Pro Tempore, shall incorporate a new duty (#3) as follows:

Article III.2.B.3: The speaker pro tempore shall be responsible for remaining in contact with the Faculty Senate of Virginia. Ideally this will involve attending the meetings, but if this is not possible or advisable, then other ways of staying in contact will be acceptable. The speaker pro tempore will report on the work of the Faculty Senate of Virginia each semester (at a time of his or her choosing).

8. Article IV ('Committees'), Section 6, which discusses the duties of the Nominations & Elections committee, shall now include content point 'F':

Article IV.6.F: When funds are available (from the Provost's office, the Madison Vision fund, another administrative source, or a combination of these), the members of this committee will be responsible for organizing the Faculty Senate Vision Mini-Grant competition. This shall include advertising the competition, collecting proposals, judging the awardees, reporting results to the Provost and President, and ensuring the transfer of monies to the appropriate person(s). Proposals must be focused upon initiatives that promote the university's Vision Statement (to be the national model of the engaged university) in one or more of three kinds of engagement: engaged learning, civic engagement, and community engagement. All instructional faculty members (full-time and part-time) may apply. Further details shall be posted on the Faculty Senate website.

9. Article IV ('Committees'), Section 8, which discusses the duties of the Student Relations committee, shall now include content point 'D':

Article IV.8.D: The chair of the committee will, when funds from the Provost's office are available for the purpose, aid in the work of the SGA-run Madison Vision Teaching Award, serve in an advisory role to the SGA, and will assist in the process at the request of the SGA.

10. Article IV ('Committees'), Section 11, shall now refer to the 'Budget & Compensation Committee' in place of the 'Budget Committee'

11. Article IV ('Committees'), Section 5, part A, shall now read as follows (new text is italicized):

Article IV.5.A: The Steering Committee shall be composed of the speaker, the speaker pro tempore, the secretary, the treasurer, the marshal, the chairs of all standing committees, and one of the three Senators for the part-time faculty. (The last position will be understood as satisfied if a Senator for the part-time faculty holds a Faculty Senate office or chairs a standing committee. If none of the Senators for part-time faculty hold office or chair a standing committee, the Nominations and Elections committee will seek or solicit a Senator for part-time faculty to fill this gap.)