

TO: Adam Lawrence

FROM: Barbara Biesecker, Chair of the Committee on Statutes, Bylaws, and Committees

RE: Report to University Council on 2/11/2026

Good afternoon. Since my last report to the University Council, the Committee on Statutes, Bylaws, and Committees met twice. On December 2, the committee revisited and began to reconsider its proposed revisions to the bylaws on the composition of standing committees (both membership and chair-ship). On January 17, the committee convened to continue that review, with emphasis on thinking through alternative criteria, rationale, and models (for example, "open-eligibility" vs. experience-based). The committee agreed unanimously on two action items:

1. Propose a revision of the CSBC's Bylaws with respect to its duties: institute a regular rotation of thorough review of Statutes and Bylaws (perhaps every five years, in concert with university strategic planning) in order to keep pace with institutional/professional demographic changes;
2. Seek out input from standing committees on proposed revisions to their bylaws (membership and chair-ship). Those requests were sent out to the chairs of the relevant committees on February 6 and we hope to receive their feedback by end of this month or beginning of next.

That concludes my report.