

Report of the Committee on Statutes, Bylaws, and Committees

March 19, 2012

The Committee on Statutes, Bylaws, and Committees met both in fall and spring semesters and conducted business in both face-to-face meetings and by circulating proposed drafts by email. After collecting suggestions for bylaws changes from past University Council Executive Committee chairs, members of several University Council committees, and the registrar's office, we crafted a set of proposed bylaw changes for the consideration of University Council. These changes must be approved by votes of the University Council at two meetings to be approved. We will ask for those votes at the March and April meetings of the Council.

The changes proposed by the Committee on Statutes, Bylaws, and Committees included clarification in the eligibility requirements for executive committee chair, rules for runoff elections, modification of meeting requirements to include electronic meetings explicitly, simplification in the agenda setting process for University Council meetings, and a change in the membership eligibility requirements for the University Curriculum Committee designed to prevent faculty having an administrative appointment at the assistant dean or assistant vice president level or higher from serving on the University Curriculum Committee. All proposed changes were approved for placement on the University Council Agenda except the change in the membership eligibility requirements for the University Curriculum Committee which was sent back to our committee by the Executive Committee with orders to get input from the University Curriculum Committee before moving forward with such a change.

Respectfully submitted,

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