

Proposed Amendments to Bylaws

Amendment #1

Part V, General Procedures; Section IV. Meetings

A. Regular meetings:

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Rationale: Reflects current practice for regular meetings. The presiding officer will schedule the meetings and if there is no business to conduct, then the meeting is cancelled. As it stands now, there is no justification for cancelling a meeting of the council. Clear up the practice of scheduling meetings.

Amendment #2

Part I. Standing Committees: Membership, Functions, and Duties

Section V. Committee on Student Affairs

Name Change: Committee on Student Life

Rationale: As noted in the bylaws, the duties of the Committee may extend to any student issue. In recent years, topics for consideration by the Committee have often included areas, such as academic advising, school and college policies and practices, auxiliaries, and campus security, for which responsibility falls outside the formal control of the Division of Student Affairs. That the Division and the Committee currently share the same name, we feel, conflates a wide range of issues impacting students across campus with those more specifically under the supervision of the Division. In our view, at times, this presents unnecessary confusion and misplaced expectations.

Proposed Amendment to the Statutes

Amendment A

Article V: The University Council

Section 10: Regular meetings

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Rationale: Brings Statutes into alignment with previous change to the Bylaws.