

Minutes for the Meeting of the Committee on Statutes, Bylaws, and Committees  
Date of Meeting: 9/18/23  
Location: Meeting Conducted on Zoom

Members Present: Barbara Biesecker (chair), Don DeMaria, Luke Naehner, David Shipley, Elizabeth St. Pierre  
Members Absent: None  
Guest: Professor Joe Fu

Biesecker called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item One: Discussion and vote on 13 Proposed Revisions to the UC Standing Committee Bylaws (all drafted by Biesecker).

### **Part I, section I: Executive Committee**

Change I:

Current: Administration: The Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, and the Secretary of the Council shall serve as voting members.

Proposed: Administration: The Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, and the Secretary of the Council shall serve as **ex-officio non-voting** members.

3 No (DeMaria, Naehner, Shipley)

2 Yes (Biesecker, St. Pierre)

Change 2

Current: Each year the Executive shall choose a new Chair-Elect from among the elected faculty members of the Committee who have at least one year of previous service on the Executive Committee (which could be from a previous term) and at least two years remaining on their committee term.

Proposed: Each year the Executive shall choose a new Chair-Elect from among the elected faculty members of **academic rank with tenure on** the Committee who have at least ~~one~~ **two** years of previous service on the Executive Committee (which could be from a previous term) **within the past 10 years and will not simultaneously be serving in any administrative position for which they receive compensation or teaching release.** ~~and at least two years remaining on their committee term.~~

Following discussion, motion was tabled (unanimous); Biesecker will return to committee with additional information and proposed language. Unanimous agreement to widen the pool of possible candidates.

### **Part I, section III: Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics**

Change 3

Current: Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics Chair: The Chair of the Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics shall be elected each year from among the faculty members with academic rank on the Committee. However, the Faculty Athletics Representative appointed by the President is not eligible to serve as Chair.

Proposed: The Chair of the Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics shall be elected each year

from among the faculty members of academic rank with tenure on the Committee.  
However, the Faculty Athletics Representative appointed by the President is not eligible to serve as Chair.

3 No (DeMaria, Naeher, Shipley)

2 Yes (Biesecker, St. Pierre)

#### **Part I, section IV: Committee on Statutes, Bylaws, and Committees**

Change 4

Current: The Chair of the Committee on Statutes, Bylaws, and Committees shall be elected each year from among the faculty members with academic rank on the Committee.

Proposed: The Chair of the Committee on Statutes, Bylaws, and Committees shall be elected each year from among the faculty members of academic rank with tenure on the Committee.

3 No (DeMaria, Naeher, Shipley)

2 Yes (Biesecker, St. Pierre)

#### **Part I, section VI: Curriculum Committee**

Change 5

Current: Administration: The Vice President for Student Affairs shall serve as an ex-officio voting member.

Proposed: The Vice President for Student Affairs shall serve as an ex-officio non-voting member.

3 No (DeMaria, Naeher, Shipley)

2 Yes (Biesecker, St. Pierre)

Change 6

Current: The Chair of the Committee on Student Experiences shall be elected each year from among the faculty members with academic rank on the Committee.

Proposed: The Chair of the Committee on Student Experiences shall be elected each year from among the faculty members ~~with academic rank~~ on the Committee.

5 Yes

#### **Part I, section VI: Curriculum Committee**

Change 7

Current: Administration: The Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, or an appointed representative, shall be a non-voting member.

Proposed: The Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, or their appointed representative, shall serve as an ex-officio non-voting member. (consistency with above)

Motion Withdrawn

#### **Part I, section VII: Educational Affairs Committee**

Change 8

Current: Administration: The Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, or an appointed representative, shall be a voting member.

Proposed: Administration: The Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, or their appointed representative, shall serve as an ex-officio non-voting member.

Motion Withdrawn

Change 9

Current: Faculty with academic rank: Thirteen voting members shall be elected from and by the elected faculty members with academic rank on the University Council.

Proposed: Faculty: Thirteen voting members shall be elected from and by the elected faculty members with academic, **clinical, and lecturer** rank on the University Council.

Motion Withdrawn

### **Part I, Section VII: Faculty Admissions Committee**

Change 10

Current: Membership Faculty with academic rank: One voting member of the Faculty Admissions Committee shall be elected from the faculty with academic rank of each School or College which enrolls undergraduate students, except for the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, which shall have three members.

Proposed: Membership Faculty: One voting member of the Faculty Admissions Committee shall be elected from the **TT & NTT faculty with budgeted instruction** of each School or College which enrolls undergraduate students, except for the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, which shall have three members.?

Motion Withdrawn

Change 11

Current: The Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, the Vice President for Instruction, the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Director of Undergraduate Admissions, the Director of the Honors Program, the Director of Institutional Research, and one representative each from Counseling and Psychological Services, University Testing Service, and the Academic Enhancement program shall serve as non-voting members.

Proposed: The Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, the Vice President for Instruction, the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Director of Undergraduate Admissions, the Director of the Honors Program, the Director of Institutional Research, and one representative each from Counseling and Psychological Services, University Testing Service, and the Academic Enhancement program shall serve as **ex-officio** non-voting members.

Motion Withdrawn

Change 12

Current: The Chair of the Faculty Admissions Committee shall be elected each year from among the elected faculty members on the Committee by those with voting privileges.

Proposed: The Chair of the Faculty Admissions Committee shall be elected each year from among the elected faculty members **with tenure** on the committee by those with voting privileges.

Motion Withdrawn

### **Part 1, Section XVI Strategic Planning Committee**

Change 13

Current: The Vice Provost for Academic Affairs shall be a voting member.

Proposed: The Vice Provost for Academic Affairs shall be a **non**-voting member.

Motion Withdrawn

Change 14

Current: The Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee shall be elected each year from among the faculty members with academic rank on the Committee.

Proposed: The Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee shall be elected each year from among the faculty members with **tenure** on the Committee.

Motion Withdrawn

Agenda Item Two: Discussion of Proposed Revision to UC Bylaws: Proposal to Revise the Definition of Faculty

There are four categories of members on the University Council and its standing committees: faculty, administrators, staff, and students. Members cannot occupy two categories at the same time. Ex-officio administrators who can serve on the Council are specified in the Bylaws. Only members of the faculty who do not also hold an administrative position for which they receive financial compensation and/or a reduced teaching load are eligible for election to the Council and its standing committees (St. Pierre).

3 No (DeMaria, Naehar, Shipley)

2 Yes (Biesecker, St. Pierre)

Agenda Item Three: Proposed amendment to the Bylaws of the University Council, Part I, IV.L. Submitted and Presented at the Meeting by Joseph Fu

All actions of the University Council are subject to the approval of the President of the University. Actions of the University Council will be deemed approved unless the President vetoes such actions within four weeks. A veto shall be in writing and delivered to the Chair of the Executive Committee. **In the event of a veto, an item shall be added to the agenda of the soonest subsequent meeting of the University Council, in which the President shall respond to questions from the floor regarding the rationale for the veto.** The University Council, by majority vote taken prior to the end of the subsequent academic semester (excluding summer semester), may direct the Executive Committee to appeal a veto to the Board of Regents.

Motion tabled (5 Yes) for further consideration and possible revision to amend the duties of the Chair of the Executive Committee to notify appropriate persons of a veto upon receipt of notification from the President.

Meeting Adjourned.