SP.15.16 Proposed Revisions to the Bylaws, Part D.1 – Senate Executive Committee, Membership

BACKGROUND
The Chair of the committee which performs the statutory function of the Professional Advisory Committee represents Other Academic Staff on the Senate Executive Committee. On November 9, 2009, the Senate voted to give Other Academic Staff voting representation in the Senate. Since Other Academic Staff have voting representation in the Senate, the Chair of the Professional Advisory Committee representing Other Academic Staff on the Senate Executive Committee should be given voting privileges on that committee. The phrase “as well as Senate floor privileges” is redundant since all members of Senate committees have Senate floor privileges.

RECOMMENDATION
The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures recommends approval of the following revisions to the Bylaws, Part D.1. Text to be deleted is indicated by strikeout (e.g., sample text for deletion).

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE BYLAWS, PART D.1 (b)

1. Senate Executive Committee

   (b) Membership

   The Senate Executive Committee shall be composed of 16 members consisting of

   (a) a Chair and a Vice-Chair, elected by ballot by and from among the membership of the Senate, who shall be the presiding officers of the Senate Executive Committee,

   (b) the Chair of the Committee on Committees,

   (c) the Chair of the Educational Policy Committee,

   (d) the Chair of the General University Policy Committee,

   (e) the Chair of the Information Technology Committee,

   (f) the Chair of the University Statutes and Senate Procedures Committee,
(g) three members elected by the Senate from a slate consisting of all remaining
committee chairs willing to serve, with a runoff among the five candidates receiving
the most votes and additional candidates if tied for fifth place,

(h) three students, including at least one undergraduate and at least one graduate or
professional student, all of whom shall be elected by and from among the student
senators,

(i) one of the Senate's representatives to the University Senates Conference, elected by
the Senate to serve on the Executive Committee,

(j) the campus faculty member of the Faculty Advisory Council to the Board of Higher
Education ex officio with vote, and

(k) the Chair of the committee which performs the statutory function of the Professional
Advisor Committee or the Chair's designee ex officio with voice but no vote, as well
as Senate floor privileges.

In the event of a vacancy in the Chair position, the Vice-Chair will immediately
succeed to the position of Chair. In the event of a vacancy in the Vice-Chair position,
an election by the Senate of a Vice-Chair will be conducted at the next meeting of the
Senate in accordance with the provisions of Part A, Section 5 (d). From the time the
Vice-Chair position becomes vacant and until a Vice-Chair has been elected and
certified, that sitting member of the Executive Committee with longest university
service will serve as interim Vice-Chair. Any other vacancy on the Senate Executive
Committee shall be filled by the same procedure utilized in selecting the vacating
member.

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