SP.19.09  Revision to the Bylaws, Part A – Meetings

BACKGROUND
The Chancellor is designated as an ex officio member of the Senate in Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution, and obligated (directly or via designee) to preside over Senate meetings in Part A of the Bylaws. Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 11th ed. States that an ex officio member of a body has the right, but not the obligation to participate. As part of its audit of the Senate’s policies and processes, the Office of University Audits suggested that the Chancellor work with the Senate to clarify his role in Senate meetings. Following a discussion with the Chancellor at the December Senate Executive Committee meeting, the following revised language is suggested.

RECOMMENDATION
The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures recommends that the Senate approve the following amendment to the Bylaws, Part A. Text to be added is underscored and text to be deleted is struck through.

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE BYLAWS, PART A – Meetings

1. The Chancellor or the Chancellor's designee shall be invited to preside at Senate meetings.

2. 5.g. The organizational meeting shall be supervised by the Senate Executive Committee, and the Chancellor or the Chancellor's designee shall be invited to preside.