SP.19.11  Revision to the Bylaws, Part D.19 – Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (membership)

BACKGROUND
In the recent past, the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (SP) had difficulty reaching quorum at several meetings. It is critical that the SP committee be able to take final action on its proposals, but without a quorum present no final action can be taken by the committee. It would be detrimental to the Senate as a whole if the SP committee is unable to take final action and send proposals to the Senate.

Increasing the total committee membership from eight members to nine would allow the committee a better opportunity to meet quorum. Quorum for the SP committee is currently five members and would remain five members with the proposed addition of one faculty member.

It was also recommended to add a designee from the Office of the Provost as an ex officio member to address questions of academic policy and communication that involves the Office of the Provost. The Provost supports the addition of an ex officio designee from the Office of the Provost to the committee membership.

RECOMMENDATION
The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures recommends that the Senate approve the following amendment to Bylaws Part D.19. Text to be added is underscored and text to be deleted is struck through.

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO BYLAWS PART D.19 – Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures

19. Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures

a. Membership

The Committee shall consist of:

1. Six faculty members,

2. One academic professional member,

3. Two students,
4. One designee of the Chancellor (ex officio), and

5. One designee of the Provost (ex officio), and

56. The Clerk of the Senate or the Clerk’s designee (ex officio).

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