SP.20.21 Revision to the Bylaws, Part D.13 – Committee on Honorary Degrees

BACKGROUND
Responding to the Report of the Eighth Senate Review Commission (XSR.19.01), the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees examined its charge and composition as provided by the Bylaws, Part D.13.

The proposed revision would add a designee of the Chancellor to be present at committee meetings to answer commencement-related questions.

RECOMMENDATION
The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures recommends the approval of the following revisions to the Bylaws. Text to be deleted is struck through and text to be added is underlined. Adoption of amendments to the Bylaws requires a two-thirds vote of the Senate.

REVISION TO THE BYLAWS, PART D.13 – Committee on Honorary Degrees

1  a. Duties
   The Committee shall initiate and review nominations for honorary degrees and make recommendations to the Senate.

4  b. Candidate selection criteria
   The prime, controlling consideration for an honorary degree should be distinction. The nominee should have made a distinguished contribution in the relevant field of endeavor, and should have shown sustained activity of uncommon merit. The contributions may be made in a wide range of activities, including, but not limited to:

9  • Scholarship, in any discipline: major breakthroughs in knowledge in fields of scholarly work.

11 • Creative Arts, in the broad sense of the term: literature, music, architecture, engineering, science, etc.; the development of new frontiers of creativity.
• Professions: distinguished contributions, innovative work of distinction.
• Public Service: outstanding achievement in statesmanship, administration, legislative activity, the judiciary, non-governmental civic activity.

c. Membership
The committee shall consist of:

1. Five faculty members, and
2. Two students members, and
3. One designee of the Chancellor (ex officio).

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