SP.20.19 Revision to the Bylaws, Part D.12 – Committee on General University Policy

BACKGROUND
Responding to the Report of the Eighth Senate Review Commission (XSR.19.01), the Senate Committee on General University Policy (GP) examined its charge and composition as provided by the Bylaws, Part D.12.

The proposed revisions more clearly define the committee’s scope, including responsibilities referred to GP by the Senate, and codify GP’s role of monitoring background checks, multi-year contracts, and the Faculty Policy Guide.

GP recommends the addition of another faculty member to its membership to avoid voting ties. GP further recommends the addition of the Senior Associate Chancellor for Human Resources or the Senior Associate Chancellor’s designee as an ex officio member to help clarify the consequences of policy changes for human resources procedures.

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.12 – Committee on General University Policy

a. Duties

The Committee shall:

1. After such consultation with other committees as it deems appropriate, study and, study, report, and make recommendations to the Senate concerning general University policy in broad terms, including governing such matters as:

   a. the size and composition of the student body;
   b. policies relevant to faculty concerns in consultation with the Office of the Provost;
   c. budget trends as related to the quality of the University and its capability to satisfy public demands on it;
d. educational policy as related to creation, combination, changes in affiliation or abolition of departments, centers, divisions, institutes, colleges, campuses and similar educational, research, and public-service units;
e. the allocation of resources among such units and the methods employed by administrative officials in making such allocations; and
f. formulation of policy in anticipation of major societal changes.

2. Monitor the following specific topics:
   a. data on background checks to identify any consequences of the background check process, and
   b. number of non-tenure system faculty and proportion of non-tenure-system faculty multi-year contracts as described in the Statutes, Article X, Section 1.

3. Maintain and periodically update the Faculty Policy Guide, and maintain access to the Guide on the Senate website.

b. Membership

The Committee shall consist of:

1. Five Six faculty members,
2. One academic professional member,
3. Two students members, and
4. The Senior Associate Chancellor for Human Resources or the Senior Associate Chancellor’s designee (ex officio), and
5. The Provost or the Provost's designee (ex officio).

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