SP.20.24 Revision to the Bylaws, Part D.15 – Committee on the Library

BACKGROUND
Responding to the Report of the Eighth Senate Review Commission (XSR.19.01), the Senate Committee on the Library (LB) examined its charge and composition as provided by the Bylaws, Part D.15.

The proposed revision removes the limitation that three LB committee members be senators and the specification that committee members serve three-year terms. These current restrictions on the membership of the LB committee seem misaligned with the majority of the Senate’s standing committees, and Senate records do not indicate why this should be the case.

The proposed revisions regarding the annual and five-year review of the university librarian include language clarifying the two separate processes involved and bring the language of the Bylaws into alignment with Statutes (Article VI). The Office of the Provost was consulted regarding the revised language, because the dean (university librarian) review process is initiated by the Office of the Provost.

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.15 – Committee on the Library

a. Duties

The Committee shall:

1. Advise the director of the campus Library university librarian on the apportionment of the Library budget and on the formulation and execution of policies governing the operation of the Library, including its branches.

2. Provide advice annually, as requested, to advise the Chancellor through the Office of the Provost on the appointment and or
reappointment evaluation of the director of the campus Library librarian (Statutes, Article VI);

3. The Committee shall evaluate the performance of the university librarian at least once every five years, as initiated by the Office of the Provost and in a manner to be determined jointly by the committee and faculty of the library; as part of the evaluation, views shall be solicited from the committee, other concerned faculty, members of the university community, and the entire faculty of the library (Statutes, Article VI); and

4. The Committee shall advise the Senate about issues affecting the ability of the Library to fulfill its mission.

b. Membership

The Committee shall consist of:

1. Nine faculty members, at least three of whom are senators when elected to the committee, with no more than two members from any one college, school, institute, or similar unit. Election shall be for staggered three-year terms;

2. Four students members, two undergraduates and two graduate; and

3. The director of the campus library librarian or the director’s librarian’s designee (ex officio).

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