SP.22.03 Proposed Revisions to the Constitution, Article VI, Section 9 (Senate review) and the Bylaws, Part D.1.a – Senate Executive Committee Duties

BACKGROUND

Stemming from its discussion of the Report of the Eighth Senate Review Commission (XSR.19.01), the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) recommended adding clarifying language in the Constitution to the directive to perform a periodic review of the Senate.

The SEC also recommended adding to the Bylaws a duty that would ensure the findings made by the commission performing the periodic review are responded to or implemented in a timely manner.

Further, only members of the faculty and student electorate may currently serve on the review commissions. Members of the academic professional electorate should also be included in the membership of review commissions. Using language that includes “members from each electorate” allows for the inclusion of additional electorates in the future rather than listing individual electorates.

RECOMMENDATION

The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures recommends the approval of the following revisions to the Constitution and the Bylaws. The revision to the Bylaws will not become effective until the revision to the Constitution is approved by the Board of Trustees. Text to be deleted is struck through and text to be added is underlined. Adoption of amendments to the Constitution and the Bylaws requires a two-thirds vote of the Senate.

REVISION TO THE CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE VI, SECTION 9

Section 9. Periodically, At least once every seven years, the Senate shall provide for a comprehensive review of its size, organization, structure, and operation by a commission composed of members of the faculty and student from each electorate, and administrative officials the administration. Such commission shall report its findings and make recommendations to the Senate Executive Committee, as prescribed in the Bylaws. The report of the commission shall be made public and distributed as all other reports of the a report for information to the Senate.
REVISION TO THE BYLAWS, PART D.1.A – SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DUTIES

a. Duties

The Senate Executive Committee shall:

1. Initiate and guide the work of the Senate;
2. Coordinate the activities of Senate committees, evaluate the functions of those committees, and conduct an annual review of the current status of ad hoc committees of the Senate, recommending appropriate action to the Senate;
3. Prepare the agenda for Senate meetings in accordance with the Standing Rules;
4. Inform the Senate concerning the charge and composition of each committee created by the campus or University administration. Request the Chancellor and Vice Chancellors inform the Senate Executive Committee of the formation, composition, and dissolution of any University-level committees that are of interest to the Senate and its committees;
5. Inform the Senate periodically of such changes to University-level committees;
5.6. Propose to the Senate a date and agenda for the annual meeting of the faculty and report to the faculty at that meeting (Bylaws, Part A.7);
6. Report to the faculty at the annual meeting;
7. Schedule and supervise the organizing of the Senate in accordance with Part A of these Bylaws;
8. Nominate members of the Committee on Committees in accordance with Bylaws, Part D.6.c;
9. Provide advice annually to the Chancellor on the initial appointment and annual reappointment of the Vice Chancellors as required by the Statutes, Article III, paragraph 1g;
10. Provide advice annually to the President on the initial appointment and annual reappointment of the Chancellor as required by the Statutes, Article I, section 5;
11. Review nominees to the Campus Budget Oversight Committee (CBOC), Research Board, and Research Policy Committee nominees; and
12. Provide a written plan of action as a report for information to the Senate in response to each of the findings and recommendations made by the commission to review the size, organization, structure, and operation of the Senate, as required by the Constitution, Article VI, Section 9; and

1213. Perform other duties as the Statutes or Senate shall specify.

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