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BYLAW CHANGES

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The Rules Committee is charged with annually updating the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate and with proposing appropriate amendments for this document to the Faculty Senate. The shaded areas represent recommended additions and the strikethroughs represent recommended deletions.

Preceding the proposed changes is the section from the Constitution that specifies how the Bylaws are to be amended.

BYLAW AMENDMENT PROCEDURES

The Bylaws of the Senate may be adopted, amended, or repealed by:

(a) A three-fifths vote of those present and voting at the Regular or Special meeting of the Senate;
(b) A majority vote of the voting members present and voting at a Regular meeting of the General Faculty provided that;
(c) Amendments relating to the powers, responsibilities or composition of Senate councils shall have been presented at two previous meetings of the body concerned, occurring in two different months;
(d) All other proposed amendments shall have been presented at one previous meeting of the body concerned; and
(e) The final vote on all Bylaw amendments shall be by written ballot unless those present rule otherwise by a two-third majority.
EXISTING BYLAWS

ACADEMIC MATTERS COUNCIL

5-2-2 Its membership shall be:

(a) One Faculty Member from each School/College headed by a Dean;
(b) Six Faculty Members or Librarians selected at large;
(c) A Representative from the Commonwealth Honors College Council, appointed by the Chair of the Commonwealth Honors College Council;
(d) The Associate Chancellor and Chief Planning Officer or a designee, serving ex officio;
(e) The Provost or a designee, serving ex officio;
(f) The Vice Provost for Undergraduate and Continuing Education, serving ex officio;
(g) The Dean of Commonwealth Honors College or a designee, serving ex officio;
(h) The Chairperson of the Program and Budget Council or a designee, serving ex officio;
(i) The Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Campus Life or a designee, serving ex officio;
(j) The Assistant Provost for Undergraduate Advising and Learning Communities (UA&LC) or a designee and a comparable representative from the professional schools selected by the Provost, both serving ex officio;
(k) The University Registrar or a designee, serving ex officio;
(l) The Director of the Internship Program or a designee, serving ex officio;
(m) The Five Colleges Executive Director or a designee, serving ex officio;
(n) The Secretary of the Faculty Senate or a designee, serving ex officio, non-voting;
(o) The Chairperson of the Student Government Association’s Academic Affairs Committee, serving ex officio;
(p) One Graduate Student; and
(q) Three Undergraduate Students.

PROPOSED BYLAWS

ACADEMIC MATTERS COUNCIL

5-2-2 Its membership shall be:

(a) One Faculty Member from each School/College headed by a Dean;
(b) Nine Faculty Members or Librarians selected at large;
(c) A Representative from the Commonwealth Honors College Council, appointed by the Chair of the Commonwealth Honors College Council;
(d) The Associate Chancellor and Chief Planning Officer or a designee, serving ex officio;
(e) The Provost or a designee, serving ex officio;
(f) The Vice Provost for Undergraduate and Continuing Education, serving ex officio;
(g) The Dean of Commonwealth Honors College or a designee, serving ex officio;
(h) The Chairperson of the Program and Budget Council or a designee, serving ex officio;
(i) The Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Campus Life or a designee, serving ex officio;
(j) The Assistant Provost for Undergraduate Advising and Learning Communities (UA&LC) or a designee and a comparable representative from the professional schools selected by the Provost, both serving ex officio;
(k) The University Registrar or a designee, serving ex officio;
(l) The Director of the Internship Program or a designee, serving ex officio;
(m) The Five Colleges Executive Director or a designee, serving ex officio;
(n) The Secretary of the Faculty Senate or a designee, serving ex officio, non-voting;
(o) The Chairperson of the Student Government Association’s Academic Affairs Committee, serving ex officio;
(p) One Graduate Student; and
(q) Three Undergraduate Students.
5-6-2 Its membership shall be:

(a) Fourteen Faculty Members, with at least one from each School/College headed by a Dean, and one from the Professional Library Staff;
(b) One Representative from Amherst, Hampshire, Mount Holyoke or Smith Colleges, designated by Five Colleges, Incorporated;
(c) The Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Campus Life or a designee, serving ex officio;
(d) The Dean and Associate Dean of Commonwealth Honors College, serving ex officio;
(e) The Chairperson of the Research Council or a designee, serving ex officio;
(f) The Chairperson of the Academic Matters Council or a designee, serving ex officio;
(g) The Chairperson of the Undergraduate Education Council or a designee, serving ex officio;
(h) The Chairperson of the General Education Council or a designee, serving ex officio;
(i) The Chairperson of the Program and Budget Council or a designee, serving ex officio;
(j) The Provost or a designee, serving ex officio;
(k) The Secretary of the Faculty Senate or a designee, serving ex officio, non-voting;
(l) The Director of the Office of National Scholarship Advisement, serving ex officio;
(m) The Registrar or a designee, serving ex officio, non-voting;
(n) The Executive Director of Residential Life or a designee, serving ex officio;
(o) The Chair and a Member of the Commonwealth Honors College Student Advisory Board or designees, appointed by the Dean of Commonwealth Honors College;
(p) One Undergraduate Student, nominated by the Student Government Association; and
(q) One Undergraduate Student, appointed by the Chair of the Commonwealth Honors College Council.

5-6-2 Its membership shall be:

(a) Fifteen Faculty Members, with at least one from each School/College headed by a Dean, and one from the Professional Library Staff;
(b) One Representative from Amherst, Hampshire, Mount Holyoke or Smith Colleges, designated by Five Colleges, Incorporated;
(c) The Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Campus Life or a designee, serving ex officio;
(d) The Dean and Associate Dean of Commonwealth Honors College, serving ex officio;
(e) The Chairperson of the Research Council or a designee, serving ex officio;
(f) The Chairperson of the Academic Matters Council or a designee, serving ex officio;
(g) The Chairperson of the Undergraduate Education Council or a designee, serving ex officio;
(h) The Chairperson of the General Education Council or a designee, serving ex officio;
(i) The Chairperson of the Program and Budget Council or a designee, serving ex officio;
(j) The Provost or a designee, serving ex officio;
(k) The Secretary of the Faculty Senate or a designee, serving ex officio, non-voting;
(l) The Director of the Office of National Scholarship Advisement, serving ex officio;
(m) The Registrar or a designee, serving ex officio, non-voting;
(n) The Executive Director of Residential Life or a designee, serving ex officio;
(o) The Chair and a Member of the Commonwealth Honors College Student Advisory Board or designees, appointed by the Dean of Commonwealth Honors College;
(p) One Undergraduate Student, nominated by the Student Government Association; and
(q) One Undergraduate Student, appointed by the Chair of the Commonwealth Honors College Council.
Its membership shall be:

(a) Ten Faculty Members or Librarians at large, to the extent possible divided between early and middle-cohort technology adopters and representing a diverse cross-section of colleges, schools and departments;
(b) Ten Faculty Members appointed by respective deans to represent CNS, HFA, SBS, ISOM, Engineering, Nursing, Public Health and Health Sciences, Education, CHC, and Continuing and Professional Education;
(c) The Provost or a designee, serving ex officio;
(d) The Chief Information Officer, serving ex officio;
(e) The Vice Chancellor for University Relations or a designee, serving ex officio;
(f) The Vice Chancellor for Research and Engagement or a designee, serving ex officio;
(g) The Director of Libraries or a designee, serving ex officio;
(h) The Executive Director of Administrative Systems Support or a designee, serving ex officio;
(i) The University Registrar or a designee, serving ex officio;
(j) The Dean of Academic Advising or a designee, serving ex officio;
(k) The Secretary of the Faculty Senate or a designee, serving ex officio, non-voting;
(l) Three Graduate Students, appointed by the Graduate Student Senate; and
(m) Three Undergraduate Students, appointed by the Student Government Association.
RESEARCH COUNCIL

5-14-2 Its membership shall be:

(a) Twenty two Graduate Faculty Members, with at least one from each School/College headed by a Dean and one from the Professional Library Staff;
(b) A Representative from the Commonwealth Honors College Council, appointed by the Chair of the Commonwealth Honors College Council;
(c) The Chairperson of the Graduate Council, serving ex officio;
(d) The Provost or a designee, serving ex officio;
(e) The Vice Chancellor for Research and Engagement, serving ex officio;
(f) The Associate Vice Chancellor for Research and Engagement, serving ex officio;
(g) The Dean of the Graduate School, serving ex officio;
(h) The Director of the Office of Grants and Contracts, serving ex officio;
(i) The Research Compliance Coordinator, serving ex officio;
(j) The Director of Libraries, serving ex officio;
(k) The Secretary of the Faculty Senate or a designee, serving ex officio; non-voting;
(l) The President of the Graduate Student Senate, serving ex officio;
(m) The President of the Student Government Association or a designee, serving ex officio;
(n) Two Graduate Students; and
(o) One Undergraduate Student.

RESEARCH COUNCIL

5-14-2 Its membership shall be:

(a) Twenty two Graduate Faculty Members, with at least one from each School/College headed by a Dean and one from the Professional Library Staff;
(b) A Representative from the Commonwealth Honors College Council, appointed by the Chair of the Commonwealth Honors College Council;
(c) The Chairperson of the Graduate Council, serving ex officio;
(d) The Provost or a designee, serving ex officio;
(e) The Vice Chancellor for Research and Engagement, serving ex officio;
(f) The Associate Vice Chancellor for Research and Engagement, serving ex officio;
(g) The Dean of the Graduate School, serving ex officio;
(h) The Director of the Office of Grants and Contracts, serving ex officio;
(i) The Research Compliance Coordinator, serving ex officio;
(j) The Director of Libraries, serving ex officio;
(k) The Director of the Institute for Applied Life Sciences;
(l) The Secretary of the Faculty Senate or a designee, serving ex officio; non-voting;
(m) The President of the Graduate Student Senate, serving ex officio;
(n) The President of the Student Government Association or a designee, serving ex officio;
(o) Two Graduate Students; and
(p) One Undergraduate Student.
ITS membership shall be:

(a) Thirteen Faculty Members, including one from each School/College headed by a Dean, selected at large (priority should be given to members of School/College Committees on the status of diversity), and one Member of the Library;
(b) One representative from the Massachusetts Society of Professors, selected by the Massachusetts Society of Professors;
(c) The Provost or a designee, serving ex officio;
(d) The Assistant Provost for Diversity, serving ex officio;
(e) The Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance or a designee, serving ex officio;
(f) The Associate Chancellor for Equal Opportunity and Diversity or a designee, serving ex officio;
(g) The Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Campus Life or a designee, serving ex officio;
(h) One Associate Dean for Diversity from each School/College headed by a Dean or a designee;
(i) The Director of the Fine Arts Center, serving ex officio;
(j) The Secretary of the Faculty Senate or a designee, serving ex officio, non-voting;
(k) Two Members of the non-professional staff selected by the appropriate unions;
(l) One Member of the professional staff chosen by the Professional Staff Union (PSU);
(m) Four Graduate Students; and
(n) Five Undergraduate Students.
5-19-2 Its membership shall be:

(a) Ten At-Large Members of the Faculty, with at least one from each College;
(b) One Member from the Professional Library Staff;
(c) The Chairperson of the Rules Committee or a designee, serving \textit{ex officio};
(d) The Chairperson of the Academic Matters Council or a designee, serving \textit{ex officio};
(e) The Chairperson of the General Education Council or a designee, serving \textit{ex officio};
(f) The Chairperson of the Program and Budget Council or a designee, serving \textit{ex officio};
(g) The Chairperson of the Research Library Council or a designee, serving \textit{ex officio};
(h) The Dean of Commonwealth Honors College or a designee, serving \textit{ex officio};
(i) The Associate Provost for Academic and Resource Planning, serving \textit{ex officio};
(j) The Vice Provost for Undergraduate and Continuing Education, serving \textit{ex officio};
(k) The Associate Provost for Faculty Development, serving \textit{ex officio};
(l) The Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Campus Life or a designee, serving \textit{ex officio};
(m) The Five Colleges Executive Director or a designee, serving \textit{ex officio};
(n) The Secretary of the Faculty Senate or a designee, serving \textit{ex officio}, non-voting; and
(o) The Student Trustee or a designee.

MOVED: That the Faculty Senate approve the Bylaw Changes, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 15-031B.

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