The 766th meeting of the Faculty Senate has an agenda featuring a presentation on the demographics of the undergraduate-age population, a second committee of the whole discussion on the proposed revisions to the diversity requirement, the second reading of the bylaws changes, and two consent agendas relating to courses and program changes.

Presentation on Demographics of the College-Age Population in the USA, Associate Chancellor and Chief Planning Officer Bryan Harvey

We will hear about trends in the size of cohorts graduating from high school and consider their implications for this campus as well as colleges and universities more generally.

Committee of the Whole

This is an opportunity for comment on the revised versions of Learning Outcomes and Course Sequencing proposed by the General Education Council on 24 February and 6 March, respectively. The relevant document is also being sent to you.

Announcements and Question Period

The revised Trump Administration Executive Order on Visas and Entry into the US would seem to be a development likely to elicit questions.

Bylaw Changes

We will continue the three readings of proposed Bylaws changes at this meeting, to be followed by the third reading culminating in a vote on April 6th. The proposed changes have been revised to meet some of the objections about prose raised at the February meeting. The revisions also include two new substantive elements: addition of a “default” specification of voting rights for ex officio members of Councils and Committees and a new version of a general provision regarding representation of schools and colleges on Councils and Committees that is more legible, though identical in result, than the previous statement of the rule. The other changes remain as they were stated in February.
New Courses: Consent Agenda

Any Senator may request that an item on a consent agenda be separated out for separate discussion and consideration. It would be helpful if anyone seeking a separate discussion notify the Senate Office before the meeting, but this is not required.

This meeting’s consent agenda includes 8 courses recommended by the Academic Matters Council and 2 recommended by the Graduate Council.

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This month’s consent agenda includes reports from the Academic Matters or Graduate, Academic Priorities, and Budget and Planning Councils regarding a change in the Biology Department’s minimum grade requirement for continuing in the Biology major as well as revisions to the Bachelor of Sciences Degree, the Master of Arts Degree and the Doctor of Audiology Degree in the Department of Communication Disorders.

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