SPECIAL REPORT

of the

RULES COMMITTEE

concerning

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The Bylaws of the Senate may be adopted, amended, or repealed by: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

CHAPTER 3: ELECTED OFFICERS

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The Academic Priorities Council shall:

(a) Provide advice to the Administration on all matters of academic planning and priority;
(b) Provide periodic advice to the Administration relating to the growth, stabilization, reduction, merger and closure of academic programs;
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INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL

5-11-2 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 the College of Natural Sciences, the College of Humanities and Fine Arts, the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, the Isenberg School of Management, the College of Engineering, the College of Nursing, the College of Information and Computer Sciences, the School of Public Health and Health Sciences, the College of Education, the Commonwealth Honors College, 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 Director of Administrative Technology 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.

MOVED: That the Faculty Senate approve the Bylaw Changes, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 16-003.

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