Rationale for By-laws Revisions  

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Article I. The university faculty

Section 3. Membership (p. 2)  
**Rationale:** Titles were adjusted to match the present qualified titles as defined in University Rule 3361:50-15-02.

Section 5. Meetings (g) Parliamentary rules. (p. 5)  
**Rationale:** Roberts Rules calls for a rising or ballot vote when motioned by a member of the assembly and accepted by a vote of the assembly so the deleted section is not necessary.

Article II. The faculty senate

Section 6. Committees. (p. 8)  
**Rationale:** The wording is adjusted to clarify the process for appointment of standing committee chairs.

Section 6. Committees. (c) Vacancies in committees. (pp. 12-13)  
**Rationale:** This adjustment in process will allow for a more efficient and timely filling of vacancies. It will provide a clearly defined electoral cycle.

Article III. Election procedures

Section 1. Election of officers, faculty representatives to the board of trustees, and at-large faculty senators. (c) (p. 14)  
**Rationale:** This provides clarification of the process for presenting the slate of candidates.

Section 1. Election of officers, faculty representatives to the board of trustees, and at-large faculty senators. (i) & (j) (pp. 15-16)  
**Rationale:** Paper ballots are no longer utilized for this election process. The current process is to utilize an electronic voting. Tellers are not needed due to electronic balloting.

Section 1. Election of officers, faculty representatives to the board of trustees, and at-large faculty senators. (l) Filling vacancies (p. 17)  
**Rationale:** This change will allow the offices of secretary and representative to the board of trustees to be filled immediately upon vacancy and clarifies conflicting statements in the by-laws.

Section 4. Election of faculty to all-university committees with faculty senate elected representatives. NEW (c) (p. 18)  
**Rationale:** This addition defines the method for filling vacancies in all-university positions.