

Ad Hoc Bylaws Cttee Executive Summary of Proposed Amendments 10/23/09

The full text of the proposed revisions and a separate 7 page overview and rationale are online at http://www.uc.edu/facultysenate/reports_resolutions/2009-2010_Committee_Reports.html

I. Integrated University Decision Making

In Article II Faculty Senate Committees, new provisions for all five FS standing committees to promote without expressly requiring liaison with related all university shared governance committees. Academic Affairs Example:

One or more of the members may serve as faculty senate representative and liaison to all university committees responsible for academic affairs.

II. College Governance

In accord with the plan for “One University” the committee recommends a new article on college governance that clarifies the distinction made in Article I between membership in the university faculty and college faculty. Articles II and III on Faculty Senate and Election Procedures detail some features of college governance, but the bylaws need a more detailed elaboration. The new article on college governance incorporates verbatim from existing Board of Trustees rules and the AAUP contract relevant text on authority, membership, meetings, bylaws and decanal review as well as provisions on meeting procedures from bylaws provisions for Faculty Senate:

III. Electronic Voting Procedures and Guidelines:

Proposal: Article II Faculty Senate, Section 11 Committees vi (New II/5/vi)
Information Technology Committee

The committee will recommend electronic voting procedural standards that assure security, anonymity, and faculty control. The committee will offer consultation and training and when asked to do so may assess the legitimacy of software employed for soliciting faculty votes.

IV. Human Relations Committee

Article II The faculty senate, Section 11 Committees, a. Standing Committees.
The revisions are printed in strike-through and bold format.

The human relations committee shall monitor existing policies and practices and recommend new policies and practices to ensure a supportive environment ~~for the growth and development of women and minority faculty and students to~~ **promote diversity and inclusion at the University.** The committee shall interpret its role broadly, addressing itself to specific issues and, in addition, serving as a source of increased consciousness ~~for all the faculty, especially about concerns of its minority and women members.~~ **for a just university community.**

V. Revised Bylaws Organization The proposed reorganization of the university faculty bylaws provides a template of basic headings suitable for college bylaws.

VI. Proposal: A. Article I. The university faculty:

2. Section 2. Purpose. There shall be a university faculty to consider matters affecting the university and to make available to the president and the board of trustees its aid, advice, and counsel on issues including but not limited to academic policies, admissions, degree programs, budget recommendations, collegiate structures, the formulation of long range plans and in decisions relating to their implementation.

VII. Proposal . Article I. The university faculty: 3. Section 3.

Membership:

a. The university faculty, as distinct from that of any individual college or school, shall be composed of: the president . . . and all persons with adjunct appointments of sixty-five per cent or more FTE of a full time Faculty position.

VIII. Proposal B. Article II. The faculty senate:

c. Part-time faculty. Two members elected from that group of part-time faculty who are teaching, on the average, a minimum of three quarter courses or the equivalent per year (up to sixty-five per cent of a full-time faculty position as defined by the collective bargaining agreement) and who have taught as part-time faculty in the university of Cincinnati for three years or more. Part-time faculty will elect their own representatives.

IX. Proposal C. Article III. Procedures: (Moved to Article II Faculty Senate)

5. Section 5. Order of business.

c. The order of business at meetings of the faculty senate shall be determined by the cabinet.

Rationale: The current list of 12 agenda items i – xii does not belong in the bylaws since cabinet proposes the agenda for each meeting that can be amended before approval.

X. Proposal 6. Section 6. Parliamentary rules. The proceedings of the university faculty and the faculty senate shall be governed by the ~~general usage of deliberative bodies~~ rules contained in the most recent revised edition of Robert's Rules of Order. ~~general usage of deliberative bodies~~ Every motion shall be reduced to writing upon request of a member. The Chairperson shall appoint a Parliamentarian whose duty it shall be to ensure that these bylaws are adhered to in the conduct of meetings. The Parliamentarian shall serve at the pleasure of the chairperson.