

Proposed Faculty By-Laws Revisions
May 24, 2011 All-University Faculty Meeting

General Rationale

- Preparation for semester conversion and associated timeframes
- Increased flexibility for scheduling of meetings and elections to allow the chairperson of the faculty to plan considering the current calendar and other scheduled activities at the university
- Removal of references to specific months and replacement with general timeframes
- Clarification of the title for the Nominating/Nominations Committee
- Editorial changes

Article I. Section 5. Meetings (p. 4)

- (a) Regular meetings. *Monthly references have been removed to allow for more flexible scheduling.*
- (e) Order of business. *The types of reports were generalized because the content of the Chairperson's report is often beyond the faculty senate and the President's report may be given by a designee.*

Article II. Section 2. Membership. (p. 6)

- (a) Full-time faculty. *This addition allows for continuance of senators in the event of collegiate restructuring.*
- (c) Part-time faculty. *This revision specifies the requirements for both quarter and semester workload. Since the changes to the by-laws are in force immediately upon approval of the Board of Trustees, it is essential that both quarters and semesters be reflected. This section will need to be amended following the conversion to semesters to delete the reference to quarters.*

Article II. Section 5. Meetings. (p.9)

- (a) Regular meetings. *Allows for cancellation of faculty senate meetings when there is no business to consider. Summer meetings are frequently cancelled due to inactivity.*

Article II. Section 6. Committees. (pgs. 10-15) *These changes reflect the present practice of the faculty senate election of 6 committee members followed by the additional appointment of a faculty senator as both a member and committee chair by the chairperson of the faculty senate.*

Article III. Election procedures. Section 1. (p. 16-19) *The calendar for elections held by the nominating committee is complex. The election processes must coordinate with both the faculty senate meeting and the university faculty meeting both of which are scheduled by the chairperson of the faculty. Therefore, an election calendar prepared by the chairperson of the faculty has been proposed in lieu of a monthly timetable. References to a "mail" ballot have been removed to allow for electronic or other voting methods.*

Article V. Alteration, amendment, or repeal. *"Ohio" has been added to specify the source of the reference.*