

# 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.