Resolution 2016-2017-11 Faculty Senate Bylaw Change, Section IX. Amendments

Whereas, the current language in Section IX of the Bylaws is not specific and can be interpreted in multiple ways; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate Constitution be amended to better communicate the process to amend the Bylaws:

SECTION IX. Amendments

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   1. A proposed amendment must be included on the agenda of at least two successive meetings of the Senate.
   2. The text of a proposed bylaw or amendment to a current bylaw must be made available electronically to the members of the Faculty Senate at least thirty days prior to the first meeting.
   3. The proposed amendment is subject to amendment and vote at the second or subsequent Senate meeting.
   4. In cases of emergency, established by the Steering Committee, the requirement of requiring two successive meetings can be waived.

B. If there is a change in the designation of an office, the title of an official, the name of a committee, the references to the bylaws or constitution, or the correction of a minor error that has no substantial effect, the bylaws and the constitution will be automatically adjusted to reflect the change. Such changes will be reported to the Faculty Senate.

Approved by the Faculty Senate Steering Committee August 11, 2016.