

Resolution 2016-2017-5 Faculty Senate Bylaw Change, Graduate Council and Committees

Whereas, recommendations from the Graduate Council and Graduate Policy committee are required to be submitted to the Steering committee and/or Senate for approval prior to submission to the vice provost and dean of the College of Graduate Studies; and

Whereas, this is not a requirement for the Undergraduate committees and delays the review and approval process; and

Whereas, the assistant or associate deans are not ex officio members of the committees eliminating an important resource for committee members; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the *Bylaws* of the *Faculty Constitution* be amended as follows to eliminate the requirement of submitting recommendations to the Steering committee while allowing submission if necessary, and to add the assistant or associate deans as ex officio resources to the Graduate Policy and Graduate Curriculum committees:

Graduate Council

a. Duties and Responsibilities.

- iii. To transmit its recommendations to the ~~Steering Committee that will normally submit these recommendations to the Faculty Senate for action and that, if approved, will be submitted to the vice provost and dean of the College of Graduate Studies, who submits his/her recommendations~~ to the provost and executive vice president. The council may also make recommendations to the Steering Committee of the Faculty Senate.

1. Graduate Policy Committee

a. Duties and Responsibilities.

- iii. To transmit its recommendations to the ~~Faculty Senate Steering Committee that will normally submit these recommendations to the Faculty Senate for action and that, if approved, will be submitted~~ vice provost and dean of the College of Graduate Studies, who submits his/her recommendations to the provost and executive vice president. The committee may also make recommendations to the Steering Committee of the Faculty Senate.

b. Membership.

The Graduate Policy Committee shall consist of one graduate faculty member from each academic unit, at least four of whom are members of the Faculty Senate, and a graduate student, ~~and the vice provost and dean of the College of Graduate Studies (ex officio) or her/his designee~~. The graduate student representative will be appointed by the chair of the council based on recommendations made by the president of the Graduate Student Association and the vice provost and dean of the College of Graduate Studies. The ex officio members include the vice provost and dean of the College of Graduate Studies (or designee) and the assistant or associate dean (or designee) whose responsibilities include graduate curricular issues from each of the colleges. The council chair will serve as the chair of the Graduate Policy Committee. Terms of service shall be three years, staggered.

3. Graduate Curriculum Committee

b. Membership.

The Graduate Curriculum Committee shall consist of one graduate faculty member from each academic unit, at least four of whom are members of the Faculty Senate, and a graduate student, ~~and the vice provost and dean of the College of Graduate Studies (ex officio) or her/his designee~~. The graduate student representative will be appointed by the chair of the council based on recommendations made by the president of the Graduate Student Association and the vice provost and dean of the College of Graduate Studies. The ex officio members include the vice provost and dean of the College of Graduate Studies (or designee) and the assistant or associate dean (or designee) whose responsibilities include graduate curricular issues from each of the colleges. The council vice chair will serve as the chair of the Graduate Curriculum Committee. Terms of service shall be three years, staggered.

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

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