Resolution 2019-2020-22 Faculty Senate Bylaw Change - Resolutions

Whereas, when the Faculty Constitution was separated into two separate documents, Faculty Constitution and Bylaws, language regarding the process of adopting Senate resolutions was inadvertently left out of the Bylaws; and

Whereas, Resolution 2016-2017-17 restored the majority of the resolution language except for the right to a final appeal to the Board of Trustees; and

Whereas, the president of the university is accountable to the Board of Trustees in the operation of the university; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bylaws of the Faculty Constitution be amended as follows:

Bylaws, Section IV. Meetings of the Senate

I. Resolutions
As the elected body of the general faculty, the Faculty Senate may formulate its opinion upon any subject of interest to the university and adopt appropriate resolutions. Resolutions addressing those areas of authority legally reserved to the president and Board of Trustees are advisory. Each resolution adopted by the Faculty Senate is forwarded to the provost and vice president for Academic Affairs who shall act upon the recommendation within 60 days.

The provost and vice president for Academic Affairs shall have veto power over any resolution by the Senate. The veto with rationale shall be communicated in writing to the Faculty Senate and the chair of the Faculty Senate.

The Senate, by a two-thirds majority vote, may appeal to the president any resolution vetoed. A decision by the president is final. A subsequent veto by the president shall be communicated in writing to the Faculty Senate and to the chair of the Faculty Senate within 60 days.

The Senate, by a two-thirds majority vote, may appeal to the Board of Trustees any action so vetoed. A decision by the Board of Trustees is final.

Approved by the Faculty Senate Steering Committee on February 6, 2020.