

Constitution
Article VII. Amendments

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Amendments

- A. Amendments to the constitution may be considered by the Faculty Senate upon (1) recommendation of the Faculty Senate Steering Committee or (2) written request of fifteen percent of the members of the general faculty. The text of a proposed amendment must be made available electronically to the members of the Faculty Senate at least thirty days prior to the meeting at which it will be considered.

A proposed amendment must receive an affirmative majority vote of the members of the Faculty Senate who are present, after which the text of such amendment shall be made available electronically to all members of the general faculty for their review and consideration. Members of the general faculty have fourteen days from initial distribution to provide input to the Faculty Senate Steering Committee.

The Faculty Senate Steering Committee shall consider all input from the members of the general faculty for potential revisions to the amendment. The revised text of the proposed amendment shall be made available electronically to all members of the general faculty at least thirty days prior to a meeting of the general faculty. At such meeting, the proposed amendment will be voted upon if a quorum is present. For final adoption, the proposed amendment must receive an affirmative two-thirds vote of those who are present.

If a quorum is not achieved at this meeting of the general faculty, a subsequent called meeting of the Faculty Senate shall consider the proposed amendment for final adoption. At this called meeting of the Faculty Senate, all members of the general faculty shall be invited to attend and participate. For final adoption, a proposed amendment must receive an affirmative two-thirds vote of the members of the Faculty Senate who are present.

- B. Upon final adoption by the Faculty Senate, an amendment shall be transmitted to the provost and executive vice president and the president of the university for action. Within thirty days the president shall either approve the amendment or refer the amendment back to the Faculty Senate for reconsideration. Such a referral should include the reasons for the action. If the latter action is taken and the Faculty Senate again approves the amendment as originally adopted, it will be sent to

the president for further consideration. An amendment shall become effective at such time as it receives the president's approval.

- C. If there is a change in the designation of an office, the title of an official, the name of a committee, or the references to the bylaws, the constitution will be automatically adjusted to reflect the change. Such changes will be reported to the Faculty Senate.
- D. This constitution may be amended by the Board of Trustees in accordance with the Florida Board of Governor's Regulation Development Procedure for State University Boards of Trustees.

ARTICLE VIII.
Compliance

The provisions of this *Constitution* shall not be construed in any manner so as to conflict with the laws of the State of Florida, the policies of the Board of Governors, or policies of the Board of Trustees or contractual agreements between the Board of Trustees and bargaining agents.

BYLAWS
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The Faculty Senate may amend its own bylaws by the affirmative vote of a majority of Senate members present and voting at a meeting with a quorum. 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 meeting at which it will be considered. Proposals should be included on the agenda of two successive meetings of the Senate. In cases of emergency, however, the policy requiring two successive meetings can be waived.