



To: Keith Koons, Chair of the UCF Faculty Senate  
From: A. Dale Whittaker, Provost and Executive Vice President  
Re: Faculty Senate Resolution 2016-2017-9: Faculty Senate Bylaw Change, Governance in Academic Units  
Date: February 2, 2017

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Dr. Koons;

After having reviewed Faculty Senate Resolution 2016-2017-9: Faculty Senate Bylaw Change, Governance in Academic Units, I have determined I cannot approve this resolution as currently written. Please review my rationale for this stance, as noted by section below:

*A. Operation and Bylaws*

*Each academic unit, and departments and schools whose leader holds an administrative appointment, must operate according to written bylaws approved by the unit's general faculty as defined in Bylaws Section I. Definition of Faculty.*

- Response to resolution 2016-2017-9; A. Operation and Bylaws:

I feel strongly that the Dean should review and approve these changes. The Office of Faculty Excellence will be happy to conduct a review of the written bylaws ensuring they comply with university policy.

*D. Unit Policies*

*Unit Policies; budgets; formal plans; meeting agendas, minutes, and exhibits; committee records (including membership, agendas, minutes and exhibits); and other public data relevant to unit members must be posted online in a manner accessible and easily navigable by all unit faculty.*

*Each Unit is strongly encouraged to have a steering or executive committee to advise the unit leadership.*

- Response to resolution 2016-2017-9; C. Records section 2:

I believe that posting the above-mentioned unit policy documents online would create an excessive administrative burden on staff within individual units. We support the need for units to be transparent in posting their unit policies document on line. As a work-around, I suggest that Faculty Excellence could host the unit policies on their site.

Thank you for your consideration of these changes.