

1 Resolution 2022-2023-1
2 UCF Faculty Constitution Amendment
3 UCF Faculty Constitution Amendment Process
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6 **Whereas**, the UCF Faculty Constitution amendment process details four instances
7 where a fixed length of time is provided for input into the amendment process, including
8 30 days prior notice before consideration at an initial Faculty Senate meeting, 14 days
9 for general faculty to provide input on the amendment, 30 days notice for any textual
10 revisions to the amendment, and 30 days review by the Provost and President upon
11 initial passage, and
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13 **Whereas**, the current UCF Faculty Constitution amendment process results in an
14 extended time period of up to 146 days between the original time of notice and the day
15 on which the amendment can be considered by the faculty and voted upon due to the
16 timing of periodic Steering and Faculty Senate meetings, and up to 248 days from start
17 to finish of the entire Constitution amendment process; and
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19 **Whereas**, the widespread and ubiquitous utilization of digital communications has sped
20 up the way in which the Faculty Senate and all of UCF communicates and conducts
21 business; therefore:
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23 **Be it resolved** that the amendment process detailed in Article VII. of the UCF Faculty
24 Constitution be amended to state:
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26 A. Amendments to the constitution shall be considered by the Faculty Senate upon
27 recommendation of the Faculty Senate Steering Committee or upon receipt of a
28 proposal signed by five percent of the General Faculty. The text of a proposed
29 amendment must be communicated to the General Faculty, made available
30 electronically to the members of the Faculty Senate, and be included on the agenda and
31 discussed at two successive meetings of the Senate. The proposed amendment is
32 subject to amendment and may be voted upon at the second Senate meeting. A two-
33 thirds vote of the voting members present is required for adoption.
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35 B. Upon adoption by the Faculty Senate, an amendment shall be transmitted to the
36 provost and vice president for Academic Affairs and the president of the university for
37 action. Within twenty days the president shall either approve the amendment or refer
38 the amendment back to the Faculty Senate for reconsideration. Such a referral shall
39 include the reasons for the action. If the latter action is taken, the Faculty Senate may,
40 by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present, approve the original or a revised
41 amendment. The approved amendment will be sent to the president for further
42 consideration. An amendment shall become effective at such time as it receives the
43 president's approval.

CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT

CURRENT (page 1)

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.

PROPOSED (page 1)

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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 vice president for Academic Affairs 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.

PROPOSED (page 2)

B. Upon adoption by the Faculty Senate, an amendment shall be transmitted to the provost and vice president for Academic Affairs and the president of the university for action. Within twenty days the president shall either approve the amendment or refer the amendment back to the Faculty Senate for reconsideration. Such a referral shall include the reasons for the action. If the latter action is taken, the Faculty Senate may, by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present, approve the original or a revised amendment. The approved amendment will be sent to the president for further consideration. An amendment shall become effective at such time as it receives the president's approval.