

Senate Officer Meeting

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Points which need to be made related to existing University Faculty Senate Bylaws:

1. Voting for VP occurs in the SPRING semester (Article IV, Section 2)
2. “For the following ACADEMIC year” – the VP position begins in August (Article IV, Section 2)
3. “The Faculty Senate Vice President becomes the Faculty Senate President during the consecutive ACADEMIC year” – the President position begins in August (Article IV, Section 2)
4. It is inferred by the references above that the NEW Senate commences in August. It is therefore also inferred that the previous Senate (along with those officers) stays intact until August. Query: Should this be explicitly stated in the Senate Bylaws????
5. The President is allowed to call emergency meetings (Article VII, Section 2) – theoretically during the summer as well, as there is no limiting language and there is no language defining the length of each individual Senate’s authority (academic year or calendar year). However, summer is outside the contract period for most of the Senators, so we need to discuss this issue with Human Resources and then discuss with Senate.

Proposals and Discussion Items for revising the Senate Bylaws:

1. Should we eliminate one year terms and require every Senator to serve TWO year terms (Article IV, Section 3)?
2. Should we explicitly add the following to the Senate Bylaws: “The Vice President shall act as President in the absence or incapacity of the President.” (Article VI, Section 3)?
3. Should we add a phrase: “Emergency meetings shall require written notice BY THE SENATE PRESIDENT (AS CONVENOR OF THE SENATE) delivered to the University Faculty at least 24 hours in advance.” (Article VII, Section 2)?
4. Should we add the statement: “All meetings (regularly scheduled or emergency meetings) may be conducted through an in-person format or electronic format.” (Article IV, Section 1)?
5. Can newly elected Senators serve as Vice President? The current status allows new Senators to be elected so that ALL colleges/schools/departments have an opportunity to have an Officer from their area. (related to Article IV, Section 2)?
6. We need clarification on electronic voting and electronic meetings. (Last sentence in Article VII, Section 4)? Possible language: “In any instance, the Senate

may vote electronically, and said vote shall be completed either during the meeting or at a minimum within seven (7) days of the meeting.”

7. Do we need a “parliamentarian committee” to help ensure adherence to the Senate Bylaws?

8. What process should be required for new curriculum proposals to be approved? The processes already require college specific curriculum issues to be brought before the Senate if they directly and patently effect other departments, schools or colleges across the university. However, what happens if that curriculum issue only impacts another department indirectly and latently? The Provost should manage to make sure there is cooperation from multiple departments affected.