

MEMORANDUM

April 13, 2016

TO: Faculty Senate Executive Committee
FROM: Bobbi McKean, Secretary and Chair, Constitution and Bylaws Committee
SUBJECT: Proposed Changes to Bylaws and Constitution of the General Faculty of the University of Arizona

The proposed changes were approved by the Constitution and Bylaws committee on April 4, 2016 and are now up for review by Faculty Senate Executive Committee prior to being placed on the agenda for the May 4 Faculty Senate meeting.

In accordance with the revision to amendments to Constitution and Bylaws approved last year (see Article X Section 1. page C-10), some of these changes can be made by a vote by Faculty Senators only. A working copy of the proposed revisions to the Constitution and Bylaws is provided with changes highlighted in red for those changes the Committee believes can be approved by Faculty Senate only; changes in blue indicate those that the Committee believes should be approved by Faculty Senate and the members of the General Faculty.

The following is a summary of the proposed changes:

Changes approved by Faculty Senate only

Constitution

Update Table of Contents to reflect proposed changes

ARTICLE II: Members Section 4.

Delete section on emeritus voting after first five years. This allow emeritus to continue if they wish and eliminates the need for tracking by Faculty Senate staff.

ARTICLE V: General Faculty Standing Committees Section 5

Change name of Committee on Committees to Nominating Committee

ARTICLE VI: Undergraduate Council Section 4

Minor wording changes to reflect actual practice.

Bylaws

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ARTICLE IV: Committee on Elections and Election Procedures Section 2 d and f

Eliminate paper ballots.

ARTICLE V: General Faculty Standing Committee: Memberships and Terms Section 3 *The Committee on Committees*

Change name of Committee on Committees to Nominating Committee

ADD new **Section 6** (prior to current Section 6) to put a process in place for replacing members of Standing Committees (excluding Conciliation, GCC and CAFT)

ARTICLE VI: University-wide Committees with Shared Governance Participation

Undergraduate Council **Section 4 c; Section 5 d**

Minor changes in titles to reflect current practice.

ARTICLE VII: Grievance Policies and Procedures for Faculty

Section 3, Section 4, Section 5, Section 6

Proposed changes reflect a change in the flow chart – where the GCC is the clearinghouse for all grievances and can send to Committee on Conciliation. Takes Committee on Conciliation out of the informal options and better reflects the work of the committee. Changes “report” from Committee on Conciliation to “letter.”

Changes approved by Faculty Senate AND General Faculty (see Article X of Constitution)

Constitution

ARTICLE II: Members (page C-2)

Section 1.

Add to definition of General Faculty, to include non-tenure eligible faculty who held half-time or more year-to-year appointments for (TBD) years and who currently hold lecturer or ranked professorial titles; changes the wording for Emeritus faculty.

Add Section 5. Add wording about others represented by Faculty Shared Governance.