Constitution and Bylaws Committee

2021-2022 Annual Report

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Our committee handled business over email throughout the year. We reviewed and proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws that included a number of housekeeping and substantive changes.

A significant amount of time was spent working with grievance committee members, the OGC, APPC, and others drafting suggested changes in the grievance processes in order for them to align with ABOR and UHAP policy, and to update language that had been confusing to grievants and grievance committee members. Unfortunately, despite a good deal of work and the Bylaws and Constitution changes being put on Senate agendas multiple times, Senators voted to table the votes and none of the proposals were voted on this year. Proposals that were approved by Senate to go forward for a General Faculty vote last year were voted on by the General Faculty this year, and those that pass are expected to be signed by the President.

Because the backlog of changes approved by Senate but not yet voted on by the General Faculty or the President grew this year, the documents we have been using to show what changes to the Bylaws and Constitution are pending a General Faculty vote and which are under consideration by Senate to send to the General
Faculty became quite confusing to track. To counter this, the Chair developed 6 separate documents that are now on the C&B webpage. 1) Current Bylaws, 2) Current Constitution, 3) Bylaws with proposals for Senate review, 4) Constitution with proposals for Senate review, 5) Bylaws with proposals pending a General Faculty vote, and 6) Constitution with proposals pending a General Faculty vote. We also added page numbers and line numbers to all the proposal documents, at the request of Senate.

Respectfully submitted

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