Rationale: The Petitions Committee has been supported by various administrative offices in the past. Under the current reorganization, the requesters think it would be appropriate to bring the committee into shared governance as a University Committee with Shared Governance Participation.

Proposed changes:

Constitution
Article VI.
Section 8. University General Petitions Committee

The University General Petitions Committee reviews all undergraduate petitions completed by students and forwarded from Colleges; and recommendations on petitions for medical retroactive withdrawals forwarded from the Executive Director of Campus Health or a designated alternate. The chair(s) of the University Petition Committee shall provide regular reports to the Faculty Senate.

By-Laws
Article VI.
Section 8. University General Petitions Committee

The University General Petitions Committee shall be composed as follows:

a. The Undergraduate General Petitions Committee voting membership shall consist of at least six and no more than twelve members of the General Faculty representative of Colleges that offers undergraduate degrees. In addition, the chair(s) of the University General Petitions Committee or a designated alternate currently serving on the committee serves as a voting member on Undergraduate Council.

b. Non-voting members may include others as needed (i.e. advisors, curriculum specialists, or associate Deans) by invitation of the chair(s).

c. The Provost or a designated alternate, the Administrative Director of the General Petitions office, and the Executive Director of Campus Health or a designated alternate are ex officio non-voting members.

d. Members of the committee and the chair(s) are chosen in consultation between the Chair of the Faculty, The Provost or a designated alternate, and members of Faculty Senate Executive committee, and serve a five-year, renewable term.