




January 11, 2023

MEMORANDUM

TO: Faculty Senate
FROM: Judi McDonald, Member of Faculty Senate, and the Steering Committee 
RE: Proposed amendments to sections VII and XIII and insertion of section XIV of the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate

As a member of both the Faculty Senate and of the Steering Committee, I propose amendments to sections VII and XIII and an insertion of section XIV to the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate. These edits address the following changes:

1. Expanding the section VII qualifications to propose amendments to the Bylaws to members of Faculty Senate standing committees will expedite the amendment process should the need arise because of actions in the committees.
2. The Faculty Affairs Committee approved language for a new section XIV concerning the Faculty Regent selection process. This memo moves that language forward for consideration by the full Faculty Senate.
3. During the deliberations for section XIV, the Faculty Affairs Committee approved clarifying language for section XIII concerning all such positions concerning relations with external agencies.

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