March 30, 2023

TO: Faculty Senate  
FROM: Steering Committee  
RE: Proposed amendment to Section VIII of the Faculty Senate Bylaws: Ad Hoc Committees

The following amendment is proposed for Section VIII of the Faculty Senate Bylaws concerning committees. The main changes concern ad hoc committees; specifically, a mechanism providing for the establishment of such committees as well as a one-year timeframe for ad hoc committees to complete their work is inserted as paragraph 4. Since paragraph 4 concerns ad hoc committees, the word “Standing” is removed from the title of the section. Additional cosmetic edits are made in paragraphs 2 and 3.

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Respectfully submitted,

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