

**MEMORANDUM****To:** The Faculty Senate**From:** The Faculty Senate Steering Committee**Date:** July 17, 2023**Subject:** Amendment to Bylaws: participation in meetings

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Roberts Rules of Order does not allow non-senators to participate in senate discussion unless the rules are suspended by a two-thirds majority vote. But it does allow for bodies to establish special rules that allow comment by nonmembers at public meetings. The steering committee proposes an amendment to the bylaws, adding a new section II.6 to allow the senate chair to invite non-senators to provide clarifying information during senate discussion.

*II.6. Non-senators may not participate in senate debate unless the rules are suspended by a two-thirds majority vote. Non-senators may offer clarifying information at the invitation of the senate chair.*

Respectfully submitted,



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