

TO: Faculty Senate  
FROM: The Rules Committee  
DATE: 11/7/16

The Committee on Rules requests that the Faculty Senate adopt the following motion at its meeting on 11/7/16.

MOTION: We propose that Part Seven, section IX on Amendments be changed in the following way.

Amendments to this organization may be proposed by a member of the Faculty Senate or by petition of 10 percent of the Faculty-at-Large. Proposed amendments shall be presented to the Chair of the Faculty Senate. If a proposed amendment is approved by a two-thirds vote of the Faculty Senate, the proposed amendment **and a link to a petition** will be distributed **electronically** by the Faculty Senate Chair to the Faculty-at-Large who shall have 30 business days to review the proposed amendment. In the event that 10 percent of the members of the Faculty-at-Large **dissent by electronically signing the petition to initiate a vote of the Faculty-at-Large on** the proposed amendment, the Chair of the Faculty-at-Large (**President of the University**) shall direct that the petition of the proposed amendment be considered at the next regular or specially called meeting of the Faculty-at-Large. In order for the amendment to be enacted, a two thirds majority of those present at the meeting of the Faculty-at-Large must approve the proposed amendment, which shall be submitted to the Board of Regents through the President of the University and shall become effective upon ratification by the Board of Regents. A proposed amendment not petitioned by the Faculty-at-Large must be approved by a two thirds majority of the Faculty Senate before submission to the Board of Regents through the President of the University and shall become effective upon ratification by the Board of Regents.

JUSTIFICATION: The added language gives a clear method for the faculty to petition a vote by the Faculty-at-Large and follows-up on questions raised about this process after the 2016 meeting.