

## MOTION FROM THE RULES COMMITTEE

### 2) Make the following change in Section VII of the Faculty Handbook:

#### VII. THE FACULTY SENATE

##### D. Meetings of the Faculty senate

4. The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern conduct of meetings of the Senate, except when the Senate shall adopt rules otherwise; and the presiding officer may appoint a Parliamentarian to aid in questions of parliamentary procedures.

Change the preceding section of the Faculty Handbook to read:

4. The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern conduct of meetings of the Senate, except when the Senate shall adopt rules otherwise. The Executive Committee shall seek a parliamentarian from among the faculty or retired faculty. The parliamentarian shall not be at the same time a member of Senate. If no qualified person is available and willing to serve, or in the absence of that person, the vice-chair shall serve as parliamentarian until a qualified person is found.

**Rationale:** The Chair and Senate need a competent parliamentarian who is not a member of the Senate in order to help insure that all parties "play by the rules." Even if comfortable with Roberts Rules, the Chair should not have to have the additional task of ruling on the appropriateness of procedures. Our current Parliamentarian is a retired faculty member and whenever he chooses to step down, this could be a nice way to involve other retired faculty or active faculty who are not Senators.