

TO: Faculty Senate
FROM: The Rules Committee
DATE: 4/1/16

The Committee on Rules requests that the Faculty Senate adopt the following motion at its meeting on 5/2/16.

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

Current Text:

Amendments to this organization may be proposed by the Faculty Senate by a two thirds majority of the members present or by petition of 10 percent of the Faculty at Large. Proposed amendments shall be presented to the Chair of the Faculty at Large, who will cause copies of the proposed amendments to be distributed to the Faculty at Large. Proposed amendments approved by two thirds majority of those present at a meeting of the Faculty-at-Large shall be submitted to the Board of Regents through the President of the University and shall become effective on ratification by the Board of Regents.

Proposed Changes:

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 will be distributed 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 petition the proposed amendment, the Chair of the Faculty-at-Large 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 current process slows down the work that is done in the senate. Also, the new process deals with the concerns of having a quorum at convocation.