

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

***Proposed Revisions to the Operating Paper of the Faculty and Faculty Senate***

**WHEREAS** in order to ensure adequate time for deliberation and consultation among constituents, the FACULTY has seen fit to require that items to be presented for action at meetings of the FACULTY SENATE must be included in the agenda of the FACULTY SENATE and that the agenda is to be published not less than five (5) days prior to meetings of the FACULTY SENATE; and

**WHEREAS** the FACULTY in its collective wisdom has recognized that there may be occasional extraordinary circumstances wherein, in order to ensure the welfare of the FACULTY, the FACULTY SENATE may need to take up items brought before it for urgent action; and

**WHEREAS** in order to allow for urgent action by the FACULTY SENATE, the FACULTY has provided for means to suspend the rule requiring that items brought before the FACULTY SENATE must be published in the agenda of the FACULTY SENATE not less than five (5) days prior to meetings of the FACULTY SENATE; and

**WHEREAS** it has become customary for the FACULTY SENATE to suspend the rule requiring that items to be presented for action at meetings of the FACULTY SENATE must be included in the agenda of the FACULTY SENATE and that the agenda is to be published not less than five (5) days prior to meetings of the FACULTY SENATE as a matter of convenience for the FACULTY SENATE; and

**WHEREAS** the FACULTY SENATE has taken up items for urgent action without requiring or presenting justification for so doing; and

**WHEREAS** actions by the FACULTY SENATE on items taken up by the FACULTY SENATE for urgent action have caused consternation among the FACULTY and have harmed the welfare of some of the FACULTY;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Operating Paper of the Faculty and Faculty Senate be amended as follows:

- II. The Faculty Senate
  - D. Meetings.
    - 2. Conduct of Meetings.
      - g. Resolutions brought before the Faculty Senate for action may not be considered unless distributed to Senators at least five days prior to the meeting at which the resolution is to be presented. An exception may be made by a majority of the Faculty Senate present and voting. An exception may be made upon request for urgent action as specified elsewhere in this Operating Paper.
      - h. A request for urgent action may be made when necessary to ensure the welfare of the faculty. Urgent action must be requested by at least three senators, not including more than one of the President, Vice President and Secretary and not including more than two senators from any single voting unit. A request for urgent action shall include a description of the resolution being brought for urgent action and a justification of the need for urgent action. A request for urgent action shall be deemed to embody a motion and a second.

- i. A majority vote of two thirds of the Senate is required for approval of a request for urgent action.
- j. If a motion for urgent action is approved, the President, or in the absence of the President, the presiding Officer of the Faculty Senate, shall immediately move to bring the resolution for which urgent action was requested forward for consideration and action.
- k. A resolution presented for urgent action that does not achieve a two thirds majority of the Senate in favor of urgent action shall be included for consideration as an agenda item at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Faculty Senate.

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