

Explanatory Notes for Proposed Bylaws Revisions, Including “Rationale” and Articles I-IV

- Proposed Revision to “Rationale:”

Language added to this section further clarifies the purpose and function of the Faculty Senate within the College’s established shared governance model. Added language is taken verbatim from “Faculty” section of the MCC Shared Governance Policy.

- Proposed Revisions to Article IV

Language in the current version of Article IV of the Faculty Senate bylaws conflates membership of the Faculty Senate with membership to the faculty. Revisions to this section included research into past practices and interpretations, and also included the earliest available reference documents used in the creation of the Faculty Senate.

- Section 1 revised to state clearly actual membership to the Faculty Senate. The Senate is a representative body, inclusive of full-time and part-time faculty dispersed across academic and professional staff offices and departments. Senate membership in practice, and as intended at the Senate’s founding, should include only senators elected from these various offices and departments. The only non-voting members of the Faculty Senate are delegates from student government. All other MCC students and employees may attend Faculty Senate meetings as guests, but none of these enjoy special status as “non-voting members.”
- Section 2 is revised to clearly define constituencies of the faculty who are represented by the Faculty Senate. The voting faculty is defined clearly and consistently with Article 4.12 of the 1998 printing of the MCC Policy Manual (“the gold book”). Senators are elected from, and represent, the voting faculty only. This revision is necessary so as to clean up and correct language in the current version of the bylaws that appears to grant non-voting senator status to members of the non-voting faculty.