

1 *NEG WORKSHEET – FS BYLAWS PROPOSED REVISIONS TO ARTICLE X*

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5 CURRENT WORDING:

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7 Section 5. Amendments

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9 Proposed amendments shall be directed to the Nominations, Elections, and Governance
10 Committee who will arrange for an open hearing, assist with wording, and conduct balloting
11 either by electronic balloting or mail balloting. For any proposed amendment, only one annual
12 open hearing will be held during the semester that alternates with senator and officer elections.
13 Additional meetings can be held at the request of the Executive Committee. Advanced written
14 notice to all voting faculty of the open hearing is required five working days prior to its being
15 held. Voting faculty will have at least ten working days to complete mail or electronic balloting.
16 These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote in the affirmative by those mail ballots or
17 electronic ballots returned by voting faculty.
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22 PROPOSED WORDING:

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24 Section 5. Amending the Bylaws

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26 A) Proposals to amend the Faculty Senate by-laws may originate from any individual member of
27 the Faculty, any department or office represented in the Faculty Senate, or any committee or
28 subcommittee organized by the Faculty Senate. Proposed amendments shall be directed to the
29 Nominations, Elections, and Governance (NEG) Committee, which will review these proposals.
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- 31 (1) As part of its review process, NEG reserves the right to consult directly with the
32 proposer(s) to discuss and/or propose revisions to the original proposal.
33 (2) NEG may also include in its review of proposals its own research on the impact of
34 proposed amendments on affected stakeholders.
35 (3) NEG will report its findings and recommendations to the Faculty Senate Executive
36 Committee within two consecutively scheduled regular or special Faculty Senate
37 meetings.
38 (4) The Faculty Senate Executive Committee may take up to two regularly scheduled
39 meetings of the EC to consider the NEG's findings and recommendations.
40 (5) The EC will refer to the Faculty Senate for its consideration the original NEG report
41 on any proposed bylaws amendment, along with any additional report of the EC's
42 recommendations.
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44 B) The Faculty Senate is responsible for determining, by a majority vote, if any proposed
45 amendment to the bylaws be presented to the Faculty for a vote. This vote must be taken at the
46 next scheduled regular or special meeting of the Faculty Senate. The Faculty Senate shall not

47 have the authority to amend or otherwise alter the wording of any proposed bylaws amendment,
48 except for those cases where the Senate itself is the initial proposing body for the amendment
49 under consideration.

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51 C) It shall be the responsibility of the Nominations, Elections, and Governance Committee to
52 organize and execute the process for the Faculty vote on any proposed amendments to the by-
53 laws. All proposed amendments qualifying for a Faculty vote must be presented in an open
54 hearing, scheduled and organized by the NEG Committee, during any fall or spring semester.
55 Advance written notice to all voting faculty of the open hearing is required five working days
56 prior to its being held. Voting faculty will have at least ten working days to complete mail or
57 electronic balloting.

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59 D) A two-thirds vote of the Faculty at large, in favor of any proposed amendment, is required for
60 adoption to the by-laws. Following the Faculty vote, the NEG Committee shall report the results
61 at the next scheduled regular or special meeting of the Faculty Senate.

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63 E) Amendments earning the required supporting vote of the Faculty shall be formally submitted
64 to the Board of Trustees for their vote and approval. Bylaw proposals approved by the Board
65 shall take effect immediately at the conclusion of the Board meeting, and shall be officially
66 added to the Faculty Senate Bylaws by no later than the next scheduled regular or special Faculty
67 Senate meeting.