

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 no later than two calendar months after first considering the proposed  
37 bylaws amendment.  
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 Faculty Senate Executive Committee (EC) will forward to the Faculty Senate for  
41 its consideration the original NEG report on any proposed bylaws amendment, along  
42 with any additional report of the EC's 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 within  
46 six weeks following the initial presentation of the proposal to the full Senate. The Faculty

47 Senate shall not have the authority to amend or otherwise alter the wording of any proposed  
48 bylaws amendment, except for those cases where the Senate itself is the initial proposing body  
49 for the amendment 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) Of the Faculty casting ballots, a two-thirds vote in favor of any proposed amendment is  
60 required for adoption to the by-laws. Following the Faculty vote, the NEG Committee shall  
61 report the results 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 College President for approval, and then to the Board of Trustees for their vote and  
65 approval. Bylaw proposals approved by the Board shall take effect immediately at the  
66 conclusion of the Board meeting, and shall be officially added to the Faculty Senate Bylaws by  
67 no later than the next scheduled regular or special Faculty Senate meeting.

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69 F) All timelines indicated in this section of the bylaws should be understood to include periods  
70 that the Faculty Senate is engaged in ongoing business during fall and spring semesters only.