

Bylaws and Procedures Committee

Minutes from the meeting held on September 22, 2023 over Zoom

Present: Nick Bircher (Medicine) [Co-Chair], Cecelia Yates (Nursing) [Co-Chair], Ben Bratman (Law) [Secretary], Ryan Dunmire (liaison – University Counsel), Robin Kear (Library System) [Senate President], Moriah Kirdy (English), Chantele Mitchell Miland (UPPDA), EJ Milarski-Veenis (Education) [Staff Council], Ruth Mostern (History), Yuliana Ndaumanu (student-GPSG), Ramsey Smith (student-SGB), Jessica Townsend (Medicine) [Staff Council]

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 pm and a quorum ascertained.

Minutes: Regarding the Minutes of the August 2, 2023 meeting, the committee reached consensus on one revision. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of the August 2, 2023 committee meeting, with revision. The motion was unanimously approved.

Old Business:

Resolution concerning part-time faculty voting in University Senate elections and serving on Faculty Assembly and Senate committees.

The committee discussed the Whereas clause regarding disproportionate representation of disadvantaged groups among the part-time faculty and the possibility of choosing a more general clause instead of listing specific groups. One proposed idea: “Whereas historically underrepresented people are also disproportionately represented in the part time faculty...”

After additional discussion, including of the question of whether to focus only on domestic or also international groups, the language “Whereas historically excluded groups, both domestic and international, are also disproportionately represented in the part time faculty” was proposed.

A motion was made and seconded to make that revision to the Whereas Clause. The motion was approved unanimously.

The proposed changes to Article II, Section 5 were then discussed. One typo was fixed. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the proposed changes to Article II, Section 5. The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion to fully adopt the resolution (including also Article I, Section 3; Article I, Section 4; and Article IV, Section 9) was made and seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Robin suggested that the resolution could come before Assembly at its November meeting.

Further Review of Mission Statement

Nick had distributed proposed language of an addition to the Mission Statement: “(ii) identifying and removing structurally discriminatory rules in the Bylaws and seeking to improve representation that reflects the diversity of the faculty,” The committee discussed and agreed to adding “or revising” after “removing.” A motion to adopt the new language in the

Mission Statement, as revised, was made and seconded. No objections were raised, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Frequency of meetings this academic year and Nature of meetings (Zoom, Hybrid, In-person)

The committee discussed the scheduling of future meetings. Cecelia indicated that she would advise Nick and Ben, the other officers, of her available Friday afternoon time slots. The meeting will then be scheduled accordingly. No current space for hybrid meetings is available, but Nick will continue to explore.

New Business

None

Meeting was adjourned at 2:59 pm

Next meeting: to be determined [ultimately set for Fri, Oct 27]

Submitted by Ben Bratman, Secretary