

CHANGE TO BYLAWS AND ASSOCIATED UFS PROCEDURES

The following changes, forwarded by the Campus Governance Leaders and the UFS Governance Committee, are being introduced at the Winter Plenary. A vote on the two proposed changes will occur at the Spring Plenary. Should the first motion be approved, a vote will be taken on the second; should the first motion fail, the second would be withdrawn.

Motion 1: Formalize the Role of Campus Governance Leaders in the University Faculty Senate and Add the Convener of the CGLs as a Non-Voting Member of the UFS Executive Committee; Place a Three-Year Term Limit on Voting Members of the Executive Committee (Other Than President and Vice President)

The following changes to the **University Faculty Senate (UFS) Bylaws and Procedures 2013** and to the Governance Handbook are requested to grant official observer status to the Campus Governance Leader's (CGL) Group and to allow the Campus Governance Leader Convener to be an officially recognized member of the Executive Committee of the University Faculty Senate. In the 2008 version of the *UFS Governance Handbook*, the report from the Governance Committee concerning CGLs, Section VI was rewritten to encourage interactions between the senators and the CGLs at each campus. According to section VI, CGLs have been meeting at each plenary both Thursday evening as well as during the sector meetings; they have prepared questions for the Chancellor; are assisted in setting the plenary agenda with the UFS President, chair of the Governance Committee and SUNY personnel; and the convener was appointed to the Governance Committee, as well as to the Executive Committee. Further in the *UFS Governance Handbook*, they are also encouraged to put forth resolutions for consideration by the UFS, which in recent years, they have done. However, while these changes were made in the *UFS Governance Handbook*, the official **University Faculty Senate Bylaws and Procedures 2013** were never updated to reflect the status of the CGLs as official observers. Therefore it is requested that the **University Faculty Senate Bylaws and Procedures 2013** be updated to reflect the official observer status of the CGLs as well as to reflect the expectations outlined in the *UFS Governance Handbook*. This is, in effect, a request to formalize what the CGLs and the UFS have been doing for at least the last decade.

UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE BYLAWS AND PROCEDURES 2013

INTRODUCTION

Add

II.G Official Observers

Add to bulleted list

- Elected leaders of the governance bodies of the campuses defined in Article VIII, Section B1 of the bylaws of the SUNY University Faculty Senate, recognized as "Campus Governance Leaders." (On campuses where there are separate governance bodies for faculty and professional staff, both leaders are to be included.)

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Current Text

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Additionally, at each Plenary, Campus Governance Leaders meet as a sector during the sector meetings at the Plenary, prepare and present questions for the Chancellor. They can propose resolutions to the body following the process described in Article X, Section B, regarding resolutions. Term limits for Campus Governance Leaders are determined by local campus bylaws.

II.C.2.a. Executive Committee

Current Text

The Senate's Executive Committee is chaired by the President of the Senate. Other members include the Vice-President/Secretary and five elected Senators, chosen in accord with Article VIII, Section B of the Senate's By-Laws, and one Senator from System Administration chosen by the Chancellor.

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The Senate's Executive Committee is chaired by the President of the Senate. Other members include the Vice-President/Secretary, five elected Senators and **the Convener of the Campus Governance Leaders**, chosen in accord with Article VIII, Section B of the Senate's By-Laws, and one Senator from System Administration chosen by the Chancellor.

III.A. Senators and Alternate Senators

Current Text

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following responsibilities;

BYLAWS

Article III: Section F. Nominations for Members of the Executive Committee. §1. Nominations.

Current Text

Candidates for the elected positions on the Executive Committee shall be nominated by their respective groups of institutions specified in Article VIII, Section B, of these Bylaws. Additional nominations from the floor for each position to be filled shall then be accepted. Any nominee for a group's Executive Committee position shall be a Member of the Senate representing an institution in that group.

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ARTICLE VIII. Section B. Executive Committee

Current Text

There shall be an Executive Committee of the Senate which shall be comprised of the President of the Senate; the Vice President/Secretary; one of the two University-wide Representatives whom the Chancellor shall designate to serve; and one Senator representing each of the groups of institutions specified in §1 of this Section B, who shall be elected by the Senate. The President shall serve as Chairperson of the Executive Committee. The elected Senators shall serve one year terms commencing July 1 of each year. They shall be eligible for reelection as Members of the Executive Committee. The immediate past President and immediate past Vice President/Secretary shall serve as nonvoting Members of the Executive Committee by reason of office.

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shall be eligible for reelection as Members of the Executive Committee **serving no more than three consecutive terms.** The immediate past President, immediate past Vice President/Secretary, shall serve as nonvoting Members of the Executive Committee, by reason of office.

ARTICLE VIII. Section B. Executive Committee §1 Elected Representatives

Add:

Group 6. Campus Governance Leaders

Elected leaders of the governance bodies at each institution listed above.

GOVERNANCE HANDBOOK

VI. Campus Governance Leaders

Add to the second bullet:

The Convener of the Campus Governance Leaders is appointed to the University Faculty Senate Governance Committee **and is an elected member of the Executive Committee.**