



**FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION
FSR-2022/2023-007**

I. Resolution/Proposal Name:

AMENDMENTS TO FACULTY SENATE BYLAWS REGARDING THE FORM OF BILLS

II. Stated Resolution:

The Faculty Senate shall amend its Bylaws by revising §5.2 as follows (with changes and additions indicated in bold):

§ 5.2 Form of Bills

§5.2.1 Bills presented for consideration to the Faculty Senate shall be either **an Amendment, a Handbook Revision**, a Proposal, or a Resolution.

§5.2.1 Amendments are used by the Faculty Senate to amend its Constitution or Bylaws, pursuant to Article VII of the Constitution and §6 of the Bylaws herein. Amendments shall be labelled FSA-[Academic Year]-[Bill Number].

§5.2.2 Handbook Revisions are changes to the Faculty Handbook jointly approved by the Faculty Handbook Editorial Board and Faculty Senate, as outlined in Appendix M of the Faculty Handbook. Handbook Revisions shall be labelled FSH-[Academic Year]-[Bill Number].

§5.2.3 Proposals are directed to the UCO President, **to the Provost, or to other university administrators, offices, or units;** ask for a specific action or change be made at UCO; and request a written response within 30 business days. **Proposals shall be labelled FSP-[Academic Year]-[Bill Number].**

§5.2.4 Resolutions may be directed to any person or organization; require no other action; and **express** the sentiment of the Faculty Senate. **Resolutions shall be labelled FSR-[Academic Year]-[Bill Number].**

The Faculty Senate shall amend its Bylaws making the following additional revisions:

§5.5.2 - Change 'kill the bill, the committee should' to 'kill a bill, the committee shall'

§5.5.2 - Change 'in open Faculty Senate' to 'in the next regular Faculty Senate meeting'.

§5.5.2 - Change 'to kill the bill;' to 'to kill a bill'.

§5.5.3 - Add 'final report, **to be included in the agenda for that meeting**'.

III. Justification:

The Faculty Senate Bylaws specify the forms which Faculty Senate legislation may take. Only two options are given, and these options do not clearly include all types of business which the Senate is otherwise authorized to perform by its Constitution and Bylaws. Moreover, in previous sessions legislation has been rejected by the President on the grounds that matters directed to that office

should have been directed elsewhere (see, e.g. UCO President's Response to FSP 2021-2022 007; UCO President's Response to FSP 2021-2022 008; UCO President's Response to FSP 2021-2022 009). The revisions proposed herein are meant to address these problems by adding a new form of legislation and expanding the possible audiences for legislation.

In addition, a number of minor revisions are suggested which clarify unclear language, make terminology consistent, and fixes errors in formatting, grammar, or syntax.

IV. Divisions/Colleges/Office(s) that may be affected:

UCO Faculty Senate

V. Directed to:

UCO Faculty Senate

This resolution was submitted for consideration to the UCO Faculty Senate on 11 October 2022 by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

Recommended for approval by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

IT IS SO APPROVED BY THE UCO FACULTY SENATE ON 10 NOVEMBER 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alyssa L. Provencio', written over a horizontal line.

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