Summary of Changes to University Staff Senate Bylaws – Motion 2015/16-1

- Reconfigured slightly to conform to Faculty Staff Handbook numbering and formatting.
- Remove historical notes and preamble; replace with brief statement of scope and purpose taken from Regent Policy Document 20-20
- Add statement to Roles and Responsibilities: “It is the responsibility of the University Staff Senate to participate actively in the immediate decision-making and policy development of the institution, in accordance with Regent’s Policy 20-20.”
- Add Liaison members from Faculty and Academic Staff under Non-voting Appointments.
- Change titles of officers from President and Vice President to Chair and Vice Chair.
- Add statement to Terms of Service: For purposes of continuity, terms of service on USS are staggered, leaving three seats open for election each year. The term for new appointees will begin in the first week of June overlapping with outgoing members whose term ends the last week of June.”
- Rewording: “If an elected senator leaves before the term is completed the Vice Chair, in consultation with the Elections Committee, will ask the next highest vote getter in the same unit from the most recent election to complete the term. If no one from the same unit is willing to complete the term will be asked to fill the position until the next election, at which time the vacancy will be listed for the number of years remaining in the term and for the same unit.”
- Clarification of wording for Executive Board: “The Executive Board of the Senate will consist of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, and Secretary - to be elected by the nine voting senate members annually. The Chancellor’s Administrative Liaison will be a non-voting member of the Executive Board.”
- Add this statement to Executive Board Membership area: “In the event of a Board vacancy, the USS will elect a new representative from within.”
- Added sections for Responsibilities and for Duties for the Executive Board.
- Added descriptions for Web Master and for Communications Coordinator.
- Clarified attendance policies and removed Leave of Absence option.
- Provided detailed description of Sally Margis Award Committee duties and responsibilities.