

Analysis of Changes Recommended by the Rules Committee

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Changes that address conflicts between Regents Bylaws and Senate Rules or between Senate Rules and current practice

Add 50-percent appointment requirement to Regents Bylaw 4.01 and Senate Rule I.1. [Eliminates conflict between Regents Bylaw 4.03 and Senate Rule II.1.(1).]

Change wording about deans in Regents Bylaw 4.01 to conform with Senate Rule I.1.

Modify Regents Bylaw 4.03 and Senate Rule II.1.(1) to make it clear that UM-Dearborn and UM-Flint Senate Assembly seats are apportioned campus-wide, rather than to schools and colleges.

Modify Regents Bylaw 4.03 to make it clear that all SACUA members are members of Senate Assembly.

Delete “winter” in Regents Bylaw 4.04 to conform with Senate Rule I.4.

Change “executive officers” to “principal administrative officers” in Regents Bylaw 4.06 to conform with Senate Rule II.4.(1).

Change SACUA eligibility requirements and timing of SACUA election in Regents Bylaw 4.06 to conform with Senate Rule III.4.(1).

Limit re-election of SACUA members in Regents Bylaw 4.06 to conform with Regents Bylaw 4.03 (re-election to SACUA implies re-election to Senate Assembly) and Senate Rule III.2.

Delete portions of Regents Bylaw 4.07 and Senate Rule II.1.(1) which assume that SACUA members are members of Senate Assembly at the time of their election to SACUA [conforms with Senate Rule III.4.(1)].

Add wording to Regents Bylaw 4.07 and Senate Rule II.4.(4) to specify that the Chair and Vice Chair of Senate Assembly also serve as the Chair and Vice Chair of the University Senate and SACUA.

Delete requirement for 50-percent appointment in Senate Rule II.1.(1). [This provision conflicts with Regents Bylaw 4.03. Under the proposed changes, all University Senate members must have at least a 50-percent appointment.]

Delete Senate Rule II.4.(3) requirement that Senate Assembly committees must report to Senate Assembly *through SACUA* to avoid conflict with Regents Bylaw 4.06 and Senate Rule II.4.(1).

Changes that address conflicts between current practice and Robert’s Rules of Order

Modify Regents Bylaws 4.03 and 4.07 and Senate Rules II.1.(1) and III.2. so that Senate Assembly and SACUA terms continue until a successor is elected.

Specify that elections be conducted by ballot [Senate Rule I.7.(3)].

Move procedures for amending Senate Rules from Senate Rule I.8.(2) to a new article at the end of the rules, and require two-thirds vote and advance notification, as recommended by Robert's Rules of Order.

Changes that address Senate Assembly reapportionment issues

Add 50-percent appointment requirement to Regents Bylaw 4.01.

Extend University Senate membership to clinical faculty [Senate Rule I.1.].

Delete requirement that research personnel must have a full-time appointment as a regular staff member in order to qualify for University Senate membership. [This provision conflicts with the last paragraph of Senate Rule I.1. in cases where the full-time appointment includes visiting, adjunct, or clinical appointments.]

Determine librarian membership in University Senate on basis or rank, instead of on individual-by-individual basis. Allow school, college, and regional campus librarians to be apportioned to, and represented through, their home academic unit, instead of the School of Information [Senate Rule I.1.].

Modify last paragraph of Senate Rule I.1. in order to eliminate conflict with second paragraph when a research scientist holds a partial appointment as a adjunct, clinical, or visiting faculty member.

Delete requirement for 50-percent appointment in Senate Rule II.1.(1). [This provision conflicts with Regents Bylaw 4.03.]

Add wording to Senate Rule II.1.(1) to allow for apportionment of University Senate members who do not hold appointments in a school or college.

“Housekeeping” changes

Modify Regents Bylaw 4.03 and Senate Rule II.1.(1) to address situations where a Senate Assembly member is elected to SACUA (necessary because of changes in SACUA eligibility).

Add research professor ranks to Senate Rule I.1. and use lower-case lettering for ranks. [Regents Bylaws use lower-case lettering.]

Delete reference to Senate Assembly officers in Rule I.3.

Delete outdated references to Campus Mail Room and campus mail in Senate Rules I.5.(3) and II.5.(2).

Specify whether time limits are calendar days or working days [Senate Rules I.5.(3), II.4.(1), and II.5.].

Make Senate Rule II.2. consistent with Regents Bylaw 4.04.

Move timing of chair and vice chair election from hidden location in Senate Rule III.3. to description of officers in Senate Rule II.4.(4).

Delete portions of Senate Rules III.1. and III.2 which are presented elsewhere.

Delete “shall” in Senate Rule III.3. to improve sentence structure.

Modify phrasing of Senate Rule III.4.(1) and include limitation on re-election to SACUA (currently in Senate Rule III.2.).

Changes that represent new ideas

Require that all University Senate members have at least a 50-percent total appointment. [This change addresses a conflict between Regents Bylaw 4.03 and Senate Rule II.1.(1).]

Modify Regents Bylaw 4.01 and Senate Rule I.1. to give Senate Assembly the option of extending University Senate membership to clinical faculty and other members of the governing faculties of the schools and colleges. (Senate Assembly already has this power with respect to research staff and librarians.)

Change SACUA eligibility requirements and timing of SACUA election in Regents Bylaw 4.06 to conform with Senate Rule III.4.(1). [This is a significant change from the current Regents Bylaws.]

Modify Regents Bylaw 4.06 so that Senate Assembly can change the limits on SACUA membership from individual units (by amending Senate Rule III.1.) without going back to the Regents.

Extend University Senate membership to clinical faculty [Senate Rule I.1.].

Delete requirement that research personnel must have a full-time appointment as a regular staff member in order to qualify for University Senate membership [Senate Rule I.1.].

Determine librarian membership in University Senate on basis or rank, instead of on individual-by-individual basis. Allow school, college, and regional campus librarians to be apportioned to, and represented through, their home academic unit, instead of the School of Information [Senate Rule I.1.].

Change timing of SACUA election [Senate Rule III.4.(1)] from “March” to “during winter term” in order to allow more flexibility. [The intent is to allow the SACUA election to occur before the chair/vice chair election, so that newly elected SACUA members might be able to participate in the officer election.]