

## 3335-5-46, 3335-5-47 & 3335-5-48: Changes to rules on Senate Committees

**Synopsis:** The concept of organizing committees being distinct from standing committees is a source of confusion. To bring clarity to the structure of senate committees, this rule change rescinds rule 3335-5-47 (Organizing committees) and rule 3335-5-48 (Standing and special committees of the senate). Rule 3335-5-46 is modified to describe the organization and operations of all senate committees.

**WHEREAS** the 2021 ad hoc committee on senate committee structure recommended the elimination of the distinction between organizing and standing committees of the senate by eliminating the category of organizing committees; and

**WHEREAS** the senate steering committee asked the rules committee to eliminate the category of organizing committees from the rules; and

**WHEREAS** the global pandemic has made clear the need for remote meeting capabilities. However, the rules are currently silent on virtual attendance, participation and voting in senate committee meetings; and

**WHEREAS** restricting the terms of administrative members of committees is not in the best interest of advancing the business of the committee. Administrative members are either ex officio or designated, and those designated are typically the most relevant and senior administrator for the committee; and

**WHEREAS** the Rules Committee approved this proposed language on January 14, 2022;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that rules 3335-5-47 and 3335-5-48 be rescinded, and rule 3335-5-46 be modified to describe all senate committees, and that these changes be approved by the University Senate and respectfully request concurrence of the Board of Trustees effective upon approval by the Board of Trustees.