

**3335-5-47.3**  
**Rules Committee**

**Synopsis:** Clarifies membership, terms of service and organization of the senate rules committee.

**WHEREAS** the senate steering committee asked the rules committee to eliminate the category of organizing committees from the rules based on the recommendation of the 2021 ad hoc committee on senate committee function; and

**WHEREAS** this rule addresses the membership and organization of the rules committee; and

**WHEREAS** this rule change clarifies the term length for different types of senate members (faculty, staff, students); and

**WHEREAS** the rules committee's bylaws currently include three non-voting, ex-officio representatives, who provide critical and valued assistance to the committee; and

**WHEREAS** there is a steep learning curve for understanding the workings of the rules committee, so that members become comfortable contributing to the careful and measured deliberations that are required to propose reasonable rule improvements to the senate and the board of trustees in the process of changing the Ohio Administrative Code. Two-year terms are insufficient to have a stable committee membership who can apply their understanding to the work of the committee; and

**WHEREAS** the current rule requires that all rules committee members be sitting senators, this rule change keeps the work of the rules committee anchored in senate while also enabling former senators to continue participating and contributing to the work of the rules committee; and

**WHEREAS** the Rules Committee unanimously approved this resolution and proposed language in November, 2021;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that a revision to rule 3335-5-47.3 be approved by the University Senate and respectfully request concurrence of the Board of Trustees effective upon approval by the Board of Trustees.