

3335-19 and 3335-5-46
Senate Bylaws and Senate Committees

Synopsis: Clarifies procedure for setting the Senate agenda; clarifies types of proposals for Senate action and the process for submitting each type of proposal; clarifies pathway for submitting a report to Senate; moves language on Senate committee attendance from the bylaws to the rule governing Senate committees.

WHEREAS the Rules Committee is charged with regularly reviewing the University Senate bylaws; and

WHEREAS the current rule contains ambiguous language around setting the Senate's agenda; and

WHEREAS the university Senate meets only seven times per academic year and therefore has limited time to consider university-related business; and

WHEREAS the Senate Steering Committee sets the Senate's agenda but should also provide a transparent process for those proposals not placed on the Senate agenda; and

WHEREAS the current rule does not clearly distinguish between types of Senate action and their pathways; and

WHEREAS proposals for Senate action are distinct from reports to Senate and the process for initiating each should be clear; and

WHEREAS the language on attendance at Senate committees is more appropriate in the section of the rules governing Senate committees; and

WHEREAS the Rules Committee unanimously approved this resolution and proposed language on March 3, 2023 after receiving feedback from Faculty Council;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a revision to rule 3335-5-46 and the bylaws of the University Senate be approved by the University Senate and respectfully request concurrence of the Board of Trustees effective upon approval by the Board of Trustees.