New Business: Remaining issues, partially amended, and not submitted as motions.

Would the ACAG consider adding to the Definitions section of the Bylaws generic information about the (a) rights and responsibilities of ex-officio members, and (b) policy on designees, substitutes, and proxies? It would be useful to have an explicit policy—not merely to reduce repetition but because the appearance of “or designee” and “without vote” in some bylaws generates the impression that the default is the opposite.

Would the ACAG consider allowing consistency of the Bylaws to be achieved without separate votes for typographical and syntax errors? I began cutting and pasting (see below, from p. 5), but it seems an extraordinary waste of time.

Would ACAG consider a Bylaws amendment that specifies who chairs ACAG in the event that no election occurs as intended (4.2.2.1) in the spring? ACAG itself has no succession rule.

3.2.1.1.5. The University Council shall have the following ex-officio members: Vice President for Student Affairs and Services; Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies; Vice Provost for Libraries, Computing and Technology; Associate Provost for University Outreach and Engagement; Senior Associate Provost; Associate Provost and Associate Vice President for Academic Human Resources; Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education and Dean of Undergraduate Studies; Associate Provost for Graduate Education and Dean of the Graduate School; Associate Provost for Academic Student Services and Multicultural Issues; Associate Provost for Academic Services; University Registrar; Athletic Council Chairperson; Faculty Grievance Official; Secretary for Academic Governance, and Ombudsman. One representative of the faculty emeriti will serve ex officio with voice, but no vote.

Heads-up: This paragraph and the next are under review in the Office of the Provost because of changes in title.

Reservation: Preferable would be a generic way to reference the appropriate body or area of responsibility without using specific titles (which tend to change frequently). Two typos above (line 1).

3.2.5.8.1. These administrative positions are the Provost, the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies, the Vice President for Student Affairs and Services, the Dean of Undergraduate Studies, the Dean of The Graduate School, the Dean of International Studies and Programs, the Senior Associate Provost, the Director of Libraries, and the Dean of the Honors College.

Mere typographical errors that should be corrected silently without further action.
1.2.2.2. The student constituency for purposes other than that specified above (1.2.2.1) shall be all students who have declared a major or major preference in an academic program in the unit and may include other students as specified in the bylaws of the unit.

2.1.4.4. There is no limit on how long an individual may continue in the position of dean, chairperson, or school director. The same rule applies to deans and directors of separately reporting units.

2.2.3.1. The students in each unit who have declared a major or major preference in an academic program in the unit shall be responsible for selecting, according to procedures of their own choice, their representatives to councils and committees, as specified in unit bylaws (1.2.2.2).

2.2.3.2. Each unit's bylaws shall specify the student constituency of that unit (1.2.2.1 and 1.2.2.2).

3.1.1.1. The voting membership of the Academic Congress shall be the voting faculty as defined in 1.1.2.1, including the President and Provost. Honorary faculty shall be members with voice but without vote. The presiding officer may vote to break a tie.

3.1.4.2. In the event a quorum is not present, items that are referred to the Academic Congress from the Faculty Senate or the University Council (3.1.3.2.2) will be returned to the referring body for action.

3.1.4.3. In the event a quorum is not present, items referred to the Academic Congress for consideration by petition (3.1.3.2.1) will be referred to the Faculty Senate for consideration.

3.1.4.4. When the Academic Congress acts as a forum for the interchange of ideas and information, a quorum is not required. Notes will be kept of such sessions.

3.1.5.2. Minutes of the Academic Congress meetings shall be distributed to all members of the Academic Congress and the University Council.

3.2.1.1. Members of the Faculty Senate, whose composition is described in 3.3.1, shall sit on the University Council.

3.2.2.1. The Chairperson of University Council is the President. The Chairperson will preside at all meetings of University Council.
3.2.5.3. The University Council shall consider all major issues related to educational policy. The mode of participation shall be that which is specified on the matter in the ascription of functions to University-level Standing Committees (4.3–4.9).

3.2.5.8. The University Council shall develop procedures acceptable to the President for the participation of faculty and students in the selection of administrators of University-level units which determine policies significantly affecting the academic programs of the University.

3.2.5.9. Except for the Board of Trustees, the University Council shall be the final authority with regard to the interpretation of these Bylaws (4.3.4).

3.2.5.10. The University Council may propose, by majority vote, changes in these Bylaws (8.3).

3.2.5.11. The University Council shall act on amendments to these Bylaws. Proposed amendments can originate from the University Council itself, from the Faculty Senate, or from University-level Standing Committees through referral to the University Committee on Academic Governance.

3.2.6.1. University-level Standing Committees which deal predominantly with issues other than the curriculum and faculty life (e.g., tenure and promotion, salary, benefits) report to University Council. Such committees include the University Committee on Student Affairs, the University Committee on Undergraduate Education, the University Committee on Graduate Studies, and the University Committee on Academic Governance.

3.2.7.1. The President or, in the President’s absence, the Provost, shall preside at meetings of the University Council. The Secretary for Academic Governance shall be Secretary of the University Council and shall serve as a non-voting ex-officio member of the University Council.

3.2.7.5. The Faculty Senate, the Appointed Council (3.2.1.2.), ASMSU, or COGS may, by a majority vote of those present and voting, refer matters to the University Council. Such recommendations shall be placed on the agenda of the University Council by The Steering Committee.