12 February 2016

to: The University Council
from: Debra Nails, on behalf of UCAG and a TSC ad hoc committee
re: two motions for the agenda of 23 February 2016

MOTION TO APPROVE amendments to the Bylaws for Academic Governance (insertions in blue, deletions in red).

1.4 SPECIAL RULES

1.4.1. Ex-officio membership. Except as limited or prohibited in these Bylaws, ex-officio members of governance bodies—those who serve on the body by virtue of an office held—have both voice and vote.

1.4.2. Designees. Except as limited or prohibited in these Bylaws, a designee may serve in the stead of a member of a governance body who is absent from a meeting. Such designees must have the same eligibility and constituency as the replaced member, and shall have the same rights and privileges as the member replaced. The attendance record of a member who provides a designee shall be unaffected.

1.4.3. Absences and removal. Members who fail to attend two meetings in a semester, or three meetings in a single academic year, of a particular governance body designated in these Bylaws, and who also fail to provide designees in their absences, shall be removed from the governance body, reducing its quorum until the members are replaced by procedures specific to the bodies.

2.1.2.1. A department chairperson or school director serves as the chief representative of his or her department or school within the University. He or she is responsible for the unit’s educational, research, and outreach service programs—including the outreach components of all three; budgetary matters, academic facilities, and personnel matters, taking into account the advisory procedures of the unit. The chairperson or director has a special obligation to build a department or school strong in scholarship, teaching capacity, and outreach service.

2.1.2.2. The deans and directors of other academic units separately reporting to the Provost are responsible for educational, research, and outreach service programs of their units. This responsibility includes budgetary matters, academic facilities, and
personnel matters in the unit, taking into account the advisory procedures of the unit.

3.2.7.2. The University Council shall normally meet at least once each month during the academic year. The President or The Steering Committee may also call a special meeting of the University Council. The Steering Committee may cancel a University Council meeting if there are no agenda items that must be considered. The Steering Committee shall prepare the agenda for each University Council meeting. Each meeting agenda will include an item enabling new business to be introduced from the floor. The agenda will be publicly available and circulated at least one week prior to the meeting to which it relates. The meetings of the University Council shall be open. Observers shall be seated separately.

3.3.1.2.1. Each college shall have at least two representatives, one of whom will be the Chairperson of the College Advisory Committee (or designee from the College Advisory Committee). Each college shall have one additional representative for every additional fifty voting faculty in excess of one hundred (1.1.2.1), not to exceed five total representatives. Each college with three or more representatives shall have at least one non-tenured faculty member among its representatives.

3.4.1.3. The Provost or the Provost’s designee shall be an ex-officio member of The Steering Committee with voting rights. The Secretary for Academic Governance shall be an ex-officio member of The Steering Committee and shall serve as Secretary to The Steering Committee, having voice but no vote. Along with support to academic governance (3.4.9) the Office of Academic Governance will supply clerical and administrative assistance to The Steering Committee.

4.3.1. The University Committee on Academic Governance (UCAG) shall include a faculty member from each college, and a faculty member from the non-college faculty. Eligibility to serve on UCAG is limited to faculty members who have previously served on a University-level Standing Committee or the Faculty Senate. have seven faculty members selected from the elected faculty currently serving on the University Council or having served within the past three years. UCAG shall have five undergraduate student members of ASMSU, and two graduate student members from COGS, the Provost or designee, and the Secretary for Academic Governance shall be ex-officio members of UCAG.

4.6.7. The UCFA shall participate in the University’s Discipline and Dismissal of Tenured Faculty for Cause policy (Faculty Handbook) as stipulated therein.

4.7.7. The UCFT shall participate in the University’s Discipline and Dismissal of Tenured Faculty for Cause policy (Faculty Handbook) as stipulated therein.
5.3.1. There shall be a Faculty Healthcare Council (FHC) to function as the faculty voice to Human Resources and the University administration on matters related to healthcare and healthcare benefits. The Faculty Healthcare Council will have voice in plan design and the capacity to comment on plan implementation.

5.3.2.2. Ex-officio members without vote shall include but not be limited to the Assistant Vice President and Director, of the Office of Planning and Budgets, and one faculty member emeritus/emerita without vote to be selected by the Faculty Emeriti Association.

5.3.3.1. Faculty members of the FHC shall be appointed by The Steering Committee from a list initiated by the University Committee on Academic Governance, pursuant to its annual call for volunteers to committees, boards, and panels (4.3.8); the list shall be submitted to the FHC, which shall then submit its recommendations to The Steering Committee.

5.3.3.2. Faculty members Eligibility for appointment appointed to the FHC shall be established by submission to the University Committee on Academic Governance of a brief vita, rationale for willingness to serve, and acknowledgement that the work of the FHC includes the summer months. include faculty members who are actively involved in health care discussions.

5.3.3.3. Faculty members of the FHC shall represent a diversity of faculty appointments, pursuant to relevant union contracts.

5.3.4.2. If, for any reason, a member is unable to serve and more than one annual year remains of the appointment, The Steering Committee will identify a replacement from the most recent list of eligible volunteers; the new appointee will be eligible for reappointment for two subsequent terms. If less than one annual year remains, the seat will remain vacant until the next regular appointment period.

MOTION TO CARRY OUT THE INTENT of Bylaws 4.3.1 in the spring semester of 2016 prior to its formal approval by the Board of Trustees.