Bylaws Amendments

January 8, 2020

University of Iowa Staff Council
Proposal 4: VOTE on Amendment to article XVI to modify Bylaws Committee Scope of Concern

Rationale: Update committee procedure to reflect changes to the Bylaws, particularly Articles XII and XIX recently adopted

Current:

1. Review bylaws and recommend amendments that are appropriate and consistent with current bylaws, with support from concerned constituency.
2. Send approved bylaw changes to University Relations office to be incorporated into the Operations Manual.
3. Serve as the conduit for Council policies & procedures to be reviewed annually for updates.
4. Act as parliamentary advisory in order to maintain productive Council meetings.

Proposed:

1. Serve as a resource for the Executive Committee and Staff Council committees and constituent groups regarding potential changes to the Bylaws.
2. Review proposed bylaws amendments to determine whether they are consistent with current bylaws:
   a. If after Executive Committee review and approval, the Bylaws Committee finds the proposed amendment consistent with current bylaws, the Bylaws Committee will bring the proposal to the Staff Council at the next regular meeting.
   b. If the proposed amendment is inconsistent with current bylaws, the Bylaws Committee will recommend language that makes the proposal consistent with current bylaws and will transmit that proposal back to the Executive Committee for review.
3. After the last meeting of the Staff Council operational year, compile and transmit all updates to the Bylaws to the Executive Committee, who will forward them to University Relations for updating the UI Operations Manual.
4. Review Staff Council policies and procedures to ensure they are consistent with the Staff Council Bylaws and advise the Executive Committee.
5. Act as parliamentary advisory in order to maintain productive Council meetings.
6. Assist shared governance or other university groups with creating or amending their bylaws as requested.
Proposal 5: **VOTE** on Amendment to article XVI to address non-council committee members and to clarify the authority to appoint members

*Rationale:* The Goals Committee has been eliminated and its’ functions assumed by the Executive Committee.

As to non-members, committee chairs know their needs for outside assistance; they should have some flexibility to recommend non-Council, ex-officio or advisory members be added to their committees. The Executive Committee should have the authority to accept the recommendations or not.

The Staff Council President authority and responsibility to designate chairpersons for each standing committee is corrected and reiterated here to be consistent with existing language in Article XI, Section 1, item #3 that indicates the President shall “Appoint committee chairs.”

**Current:**

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**Article XI**

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