

Summary-Faculty Senate Bylaws Changes 10.5.2026

- Global changes (changes made in many places)
 - "Session" changed to "Meeting"
 - A session is the time from one Faculty Senate meeting to the next.
 - A meeting is what takes place in person for approximately 1.5 hours once a month.
 - "Department" and "department head" and other variations were replaced with "unit" or "academic unit leader."
 - College council and other council minute submission wording changed to bring them up to date with current practice.
 - Standardization of "days" in some places. (weekdays/business days/school days...)
 - Minor spacing, punctuation, and grammar changes in various places.
- Article 1, Section 5, Part A. Number 13 (additions)
 - A new duty of the Chair of the Senate is to submit a report of the Faculty Concerns Committee report to the president and provost.
- Article 1, Section 8, Part B. part aa (additions)
 - The Staff Senate Chair was added as a member of the Policy Review Committee.
- Article 3, EPPC (various changes)
 - Membership adjustments replacing “department” with "unit" and other modernization.
 - Only faculty can vote in Faculty Senate committees and councils. There were some members mandated from the community and student body that the bylaws now say "may" be elected. If they are, then they are no longer voting members.
 - A no longer used committee was removed.
 - A section on amending the bylaws was removed. There is wording that applies to all councils and is in Article VIII Section 2.