

**SUMMARY OF CHARGES
PREPARED FOR FACULTY SENATE**

Report Date 3.23.12

Committee Constitution and Bylaws

Date Assigned	Description	Date(s) of Meeting(s)	Date Submitted	Date(s) of Senate Action
August 2011	Assigned officers and agreed to defer spring 2011 C&B changes to a single vote spring 2012	8.22.11	8.23.11	Approved at September 2011 Senate meeting
September 2011	Examination and reapportionment of Senate based on current faculty numbers	10.3.11	10.7.11	Approved at October 2011 Senate meeting
February 2011	Examined recall issue and revised Constitution to allow for departmental recall of senators	2.6.12	2.7.12	Approved at February 2012 Senate meeting

Chair _____

Additional Members _____

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Members

Laurie Adams (Chair), Suzy Carpenter, and Beth Howells (Secretary)

Meetings

The committee met three times during the year on 8/22/11, 10/3/11, and 2/6/12

Accomplishments

After deciding to consolidate all Constitution and Bylaw votes to a single spring voting session, the committee voted to defer the spring of 2011 constitution and bylaw changes to this spring (2012). In addressing a charge to consider the issue of recall or removal of senators, the committee recommended an amendment of the Constitution to allow for the recall vote to reside in the department as determined by a two-thirds vote.

The committee also reapportioned the senate seats based on changes to the organizational structure of some departments and made a recommendation for realignment of the Senate based on current figures. The Senate agreed with the Committee's recommendation to remove a COE senator in AAED, to add a senator to COHP in Nursing, and to add a senator to COST in Math.

Two changes to the Bylaws and 1 amendment to the Constitution were forwarded to the faculty for a vote via COVE in March of 2012. The results of the vote will be announced at the April 16th meeting of the Senate.

Future Issues

There was some discussion at the March meeting about a Constitution and Bylaw change from the Planning, Budget, and Finance committee as forthcoming. It will also be necessary for the committee to adjust the references to the "Vice President of Academic Affairs" to read "Provost" in the Constitution and Bylaws.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beth Howells