

**Constitution and Bylaws Committee
Meeting Minutes of Monday, February 6, 2012
Radiologic Sciences Conference Room, UH 154**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00.

Present: Laurie Adams, Suzy Carpenter, and Beth Howells

II. Cove Bylaw Voting

The committee discussed announcing the Bylaw changes and voting schedule at the March Senate meeting so that the results could be delivered at the April Senate meeting.

III. Recall Issue

The committee was charged to address the issue of recall or removal of elected senators. After a discussion of the definition of recall and the difference between recall and expulsion it was decided to recommend the amendment of the Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE I, SECTION G. Terms and Elections

Senators shall each be elected for a three-year term and alternates shall be elected for a one-year term. Each department shall have one alternate for each Senator. The alternate may vote only when substituting for the Senator. Should a Senator be unable **or unwilling (as determined by a two-thirds vote of the voting faculty members in the department)** to fulfill his or her duties, the alternate will replace that Senator for the remainder of the Senator's term. ~~Each department shall adopt a procedure for the recall of a Senator and shall submit the procedure to the Secretary of the Senate.~~

Each department shall elect its Senators and notify the Secretary of the Senate not later than March 1 of each year. Senators begin their term of service at the beginning of the fall semester following their election to the Senate.

Special elections may be called if a Senator and alternate are not able or eligible to fulfill a Senate term.

RATIONALE:

The above changes are recommended as the simplest and most flexible solution to addressing the lack of documented procedures of a non-problem (as yet). This solution would maintain department-based local authority.

IV. BYLAW II.I.2 DISCUSSION

The committee discussed the wording of this item in terms of the responsibility of the President and decided the wording was fine as it stands.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Howells