



**Senate Governance and Nominating
Committee Report to Senate – April 29, 2014
Motion**

Background:

The Senate Governance and Nominating Committee is proposing the changes outlined in this document as a result of the renaming of two committees, the Senate Agenda Committee as the Senate Agenda and Summer Advisory Committee and the Nominating Committee as the Senate Governance and Nominating Committee.

These changes are housekeeping and ensure that the Rules of Procedure remain current with decisions made by the Senate in pursuit of governance reform in the 2013/2013 academic year.

Motion:

That the Senate Governance and Nominating Committee recommends to the Senate that the Rules of Procedure be revised to reflect the change in name of the Senate Nominating Committee as the Senate Governance and Nominating Committee and the Senate Agenda Committee as the Senate Agenda and Summer Advisory Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Rules of Procedure of the Senate

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Current	Revised
<p>14. (2.) the Agenda Committee shall have the responsibility for recommending that matters coming forward from Faculty Boards and Schools to the Senate be considered initially by the Senate itself, subject to referral by the Senate, at its discretion, to Committee.</p>	<p>14.(2) The Agenda and Summer Advisory Committee shall have the responsibility for recommending that matters coming forward from Faculty Boards and Schools to the Senate be considered initially by the Senate itself, subject to referral by the Senate, at its discretion, to Committee.</p>
<p>III 16. (c) In exceptional circumstances where time is of the essence and there is no reasonable possibility of convening a meeting, electronic voting is permissible. The use of electronic voting is to be determined by the Senate Agenda Committee or when this is not possible by the Chair of the Senate.</p>	<p>III 16. (c) In exceptional circumstances where time is of the essence and there is no reasonable possibility of convening a meeting, electronic voting is permissible. The use of electronic voting is to be determined by the Senate Agenda and Summer Advisory Committee or when this is not possible by the Chair of the Senate.</p>
<p>17. Resolutions Dealing with Social, Moral and Political Issues</p> <p>Under the Senate Rules of Procedure the preparation of the agenda is the responsibility of the Agenda Committee. It is the responsibility of that Committee to ensure that no motion or resolution is placed on the agenda which falls outside the jurisdiction of the Senate as defined in the Functions of the Senate. If the Agenda Committee rejects a resolution as not being within the jurisdiction of Senate, it should give notice of such rejection to the person who proposed such a resolution and report such action to the Senate. If a Senator believes the Agenda Committee's ruling is in error and wishes to challenge the ruling excluding such a resolution, he or she may do so in the Senate meeting when the Senate considers the adoption of the agenda as recommended by the Agenda Committee. Under the present Rules of Procedure, a vote of a majority of Senators present would be sufficient to have such a resolution included in the agenda.</p>	<p>17. Resolutions Dealing with Social, Moral and Political Issues</p> <p>Under the Senate Rules of Procedure the preparation of the agenda is the responsibility of the Agenda and Summer Advisory Committee. It is the responsibility of that Committee to ensure that no motion or resolution is placed on the agenda which falls outside the jurisdiction of the Senate as defined in the Functions of the Senate. If the Agenda and Summer Advisory Committee rejects a resolution as not being within the jurisdiction of Senate, it should give notice of such rejection to the person who proposed such a resolution and report such action to the Senate. If a Senator believes the Agenda and Summer Advisory Committee's ruling is in error and wishes to challenge the ruling excluding such a resolution, he or she may do so in the Senate meeting when the Senate considers the adoption of the agenda as recommended by the Agenda and Summer Advisory Committee. Under the present Rules of Procedure, a vote of a majority of Senators present would be sufficient to have such a resolution included in the agenda.</p>
<p>VI, 22. Agenda</p> <p>The agenda for each meeting shall be prepared by the Agenda Committee consisting of the Chair of the Senate, the Vice-Chair, an elected faculty Senator, an elected student Senator and an elected staff Senator. The Committee shall draw up the agenda from items submitted to the Secretary and shall arrange that all business goes forward to the Senate in properly prepared</p>	<p>VI, 22. Agenda</p> <p>The agenda for each meeting shall be prepared by the Agenda and Summer Advisory Committee. consisting of the Chair of the Senate, the Vice Chair, an elected faculty Senator, an elected student Senator and an elected staff Senator. The Committee shall draw up the agenda from items submitted to the Secretary and shall arrange that all business goes forward to the Senate in</p>

<p>form.</p> <p>The first item of business in a regular meeting of the Senate shall be the consideration of the agenda recommended by the Agenda Committee. At the same time as the agenda is approved, the Senate shall decide which, if any, part of the meeting shall be closed to persons who are not Senators, declaring at the same time why the meeting is to be closed. In addition, at other times a meeting may be closed by a simple majority vote as a result of a motion acceptable to the Chair.</p>	<p>properly prepared form.</p> <p>The first item of business in a regular meeting of the Senate shall be the consideration of the agenda recommended by the Agenda and Summer Advisory Committee. At the same time as the agenda is approved, the Senate shall decide which, if any, part of the meeting shall be closed to persons who are not Senators, declaring at the same time why the meeting is to be closed. In addition, at other times a meeting may be closed by a simple majority vote as a result of a motion acceptable to the Chair.</p>
<p>32. Elections to Committees</p> <p>1. The Nominating Committee shall present to Senate a slate of nominations to all Committees prior to the date scheduled for the vote. Nominations, in addition to those presented by the Nominating Committee, may be received from the floor of the Senate on the day of the vote and must be accompanied by written evidence that the nominee is willing to serve along with the name of 3 members of Senate.</p> <p>2. If there are additional nominations from the floor, the Secretary of the Senate shall transmit to all Senators, within 14 days of the meeting, a ballot containing the biographical information or other comments (up to a limit of 75 words) of the nominees to be elected. In order to be valid, ballots shall be returned to the Secretary of the Senate on or before a specified date. The result of the vote shall be transmitted to the Senate.</p> <p>3. If additional nominations are not received, the Senate will elect the slate presented by the Nominating Committee at the same meeting. Those elected according to above procedures will take office on a date determined by the Senate Nominating Committee.</p> <p>4. In circumstances where electronic voting is necessary, the Nominating Committee shall present a slate of nominees to the Senate prior to the date scheduled for the vote. Nominations, in addition to those presented by the Nominating Committee, may be received electronically, or in writing, by a date specified by the Secretary of the Senate, and must be accompanied by written evidence that the nominee is willing to serve along with the name of 3 members of Senate. If there are additional nominations, the Secretary of the Senate shall transmit to all Senators electronically a ballot containing the biographical information or other comments (up to a limit of 75 words) of the nominee(s). In order to be valid, ballots shall be returned to the Secretary of the Senate on or before a specified date. The result of the</p>	<p>32. Elections to Committees</p> <p>1. The Governance and Nominating Committee shall present to Senate a slate of nominations to all Committees prior to the date scheduled for the vote. Nominations, in addition to those presented by the Governance and Nominating Committee, may be received from the floor of the Senate on the day of the vote and must be accompanied by written evidence that the nominee is willing to serve along with the name of 3 members of Senate.</p> <p>2. If there are additional nominations from the floor, the Secretary of the Senate shall transmit to all Senators, within 14 days of the meeting, a ballot containing the biographical information or other comments (up to a limit of 75 words) of the nominees to be elected. In order to be valid, ballots shall be returned to the Secretary of the Senate on or before a specified date. The result of the vote shall be transmitted to the Senate.</p> <p>3. If additional nominations are not received, the Senate will elect the slate presented by the Governance and Nominating Committee at the same meeting. Those elected according to above procedures will take office on a date determined by the Senate Governance and Nominating Committee.</p> <p>4. In circumstances where electronic voting is necessary, the Governance and Nominating Committee shall present a slate of nominees to the Senate prior to the date scheduled for the vote. Nominations, in addition to those presented by the Governance and Nominating Committee, may be received electronically, or in writing, by a date specified by the Secretary of the Senate, and must be accompanied by written evidence that the nominee is willing to serve along with the name of 3 members of Senate. If there are additional nominations, the Secretary of the Senate shall transmit to all Senators electronically a ballot containing the biographical information or other comments (up to a</p>

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