REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Senate Committee: UNIVERSITY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Brief History of Issue:
The current University Senate Bylaws require the University Chair-Elect be elected 15 months prior to assuming the role of chair (elected in April of even-number years and assumes role in July of the following year). Two reasons for the 15-month lag were 1) opportunity to be trained; 2) opportunity to adjust work schedules of the chair-elect, as needed. Neither reason currently merits the 15-month lag time. Instead, the 15-month lag time resulted in two reported areas of confusion, as communicated by Senators: 1) some Senators thought that electing a Chair-elect midway through a Chair’s 2-year term would remove the current chair from office; 2) some Senators were surprised that the person elected in April was not Chair the following September. This proposal would eliminate the confusion while still honoring the original intent of providing training time for the incoming Senate Chair and opportunity for a department chair to adjust the following fall teaching schedule.

Points Discussed by Committee:
Does not change the length of term for either office
Does not alter the date on which the term starts nor the date on which the term ends

Pros of Recommendation:
Reduces the waiting time before the chair-elect takes office

Cons of Recommendation: None

Technology/Human Resource Impact: None

Committee Recommendation:
Update the Faculty and Academic Staff Rules and Procedures as follows. Remove struck text; insert bold text.

1. Senate Chair (US 4/17)
   Article 3, Section B.1.a. and B.1.b
   a. Election: Nominations for Chair-elect will be made at the last University Senate meeting in April October of the even-numbered years. Election of the chair-elect will take place at the first University Senate meeting in April November. The Chair-elect is to be elected from among the current members of the University Senate.

   b. Term: The Chair-elect will serve on the Executive Committee for one year immediately upon election and then become Chair of the University Senate for two years, taking office July 1 in the odd-numbered years. Upon completion of the two-year term as chair, the officer shall serve an additional year as the Immediate Past Chair.

2. Senate Vice Chair (US 4/17)
   Article 3, Section B.2.a. and B.2.b
   a. Election: The Vice Chair-elect will be elected at the first fall spring meeting of the University Senate of the even odd-numbered years. If the Chair-elect is a Faculty member, then the Vice Chair-elect is to be elected from among the current Academic Staff members of the University Senate. If the Chair elect is an Academic Staff member, then the Vice Chair-elect is to be elected from among the current Faculty members of the University Senate.

   b. Term: The Vice Chair-elect will serve on the Executive Committee for one year immediately upon election and then become Vice Chair of the University Senate for two years, taking office July 1 in the odd-numbered years.
MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The University Senate Committee:
by a vote of _13_ in favor and _0_ against on April 18, 2017

Recommends that:
The Faculty and Academic Staff Rules and Procedures Part III: Bylaws of the University Faculty and University Academic Staff, Article Three: University Senate, Section B – Senate Officers and Senate Secretary, 1. a., and b. and 2. a., and b. be updated as follows:

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Implementation Date: Next publication of the Faculty and Academic Staff Rules and Procedures

Signed: _______________________________________

Chair of the Committee

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