

University Bylaws Committee

Committee Report

Faculty Senate

March 26, 2019

Committee Meetings

Thursdays from 11:30 to 1:00

UBC Composition

- University Bylaws Committee (3/10)
 - ❑ 4 Faculty Senate Representatives elected from the Faculty Senate
 - Senators Filler, Leavitt, Robinson, Wasden
 - ❑ 1 Academic faculty from each degree granting college and school
 - ❑ 1 Librarian
 - ❑ 1 Representative from the Administrative Faculty Unit
 - ❑ 1 Vice President and General Counsel (non-voting ex-officio)

UBC Charges

6.16 The University Bylaws Committee shall have the responsibility of **maintaining** the university bylaws ...

6.16.1 The Committee shall conduct periodic **reviews** of the UNLV Bylaws ...

6.16.2 The Committee shall make **changes** to the UNLV Bylaws ...

6.16.3 As requested, the Committee shall advise the Faculty Senate Chairperson ... on **interpretation** of the ... Bylaws.

6.16.4 The Committee shall review UNLV ... bylaws, and recommend **revisions** whenever desirable.

UNLV Bylaws

CHAPTER I - Organization of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas

- faculty organization, administrative channels

CHAPTER II - Policies and Procedures Relating to Educational Policy

- instruction, budget, admissions, search committees

CHAPTER III – Policies and Procedures Relating to Faculty Rights and Duties

- workload, personnel decisions, evaluations, merit

UBC Fall Meeting

- ✓ *Use of Clinical Faculty in the Bylaws*
- ✓ *Associate Deans taking responsibilities of the Deans*
- ✓ *Do Chapter III, Sections 15.6 and 15.7 in the UNLV bylaws need more specificity?*
- ✓ *Organization of UNLV: Chapter I, Section 3*

UBC Activities

- Amendments of UNLV Bylaws *CHAPTER II – Selection of Members of System and Institutional Committees*
 - Section 10.6 Recruitment and Screening Committee for the Dean of Libraries
 - Consideration of amendments to UNLV Bylaws, CHAPTER II, Section 10.6 as provided by the UBC representative from University Libraries

UBC Activities

- Request for Interpretation of Bylaws – Faculty Senate Chair (request: October 28, 2018)
 - *Do the Administrative Faculty Committee Bylaws and Faculty Senate Bylaws or Constitution dictate the removal of any of the eight (8) elected administrative faculty senators from the Faculty Senate if these administrative faculty senators have missed more than 3 meetings of the Administrative Faculty Committee in the absence of a designated proxy?*

UBC Activities

- *CHAPTER III – Policies and Procedures Relating to Faculty Rights and Duties*
 - *Section 16. Guidelines for Promotion or Appointment to Academic Rank*
 - Consideration of amendments to UNLV Bylaws, Chapter III, Section 16 as provided by an *ad hoc* provost committee and the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

Today's Bylaw Amendments

- Amendments of UNLV Bylaws CHAPTER I – Organization of the University of Nevada Las Vegas
 - ✧ *Sections 3. – Organization of UNLV*
- Amendments of *Faculty Senate Bylaws*
Appendix 2: Guidelines for Senior Senator

Future Bylaw Amendments

- *CHAPTER III Policies and Procedures Relating to Faculty Rights and Duties*
 - *Section 18. Guidelines for Rank 0 and Unranked Positions*
 - Consideration of amendments to UNLV Bylaws, CHAPTER III, Section 18 to add terms “visiting”, “visiting faculty”, and “visiting assistant professor” to the UNLV Bylaws.
 - Consider adding *Temporary Full Time Faculty* as a subsection (Title 2, Chapter 3, Section 45).
 - *Temporary Full Time Faculty* are entitled to same benefits as full time faculty except consideration for tenure and notice of non-reappointment.

Future Bylaw Amendments

- *CHAPTER I – Organization of the University of Nevada Las Vegas*
 - *Section 4.3 Tenure*
 - Consideration of amendments to UNLV Bylaws, CHAPTER I, Section 4.3 to specify the promotion of .5 FTE or higher faculty
 - Committee postponed action until final approval and publication of amendments to UNLV Bylaws, CHAPTER I, Section 4.3.

Future Bylaw Amendments

Faculty Senate Constitution

Section 2. Membership

2.5 The Faculty Senate shall, by a nomination process conducted by the Senior Senators of the Colleges, every two years submit the names of a number of Part-Time instructors, from which 3 members of to the Faculty Senate shall be elected by Part-Time instructors in an open election to represent Part-Time instructors as voting members of the Faculty Senate. Senators who are Part-Time instructors will not be eligible to serve on Faculty Senate committees. {{or to vote on revisions of the UNLV Bylaws}}.

Future Bylaw Amendments

- *NSHE Code- Title 2*
 - Streamline the NSHE Chapter 6 timeline in the Code
 - Preliminary discussion of the pathway timelines in this section of the Code.
 - Con: Committee members pointed out that the faculty have no union and the Code serves as a protection of due process.
 - Pro: Committee members pointed out that currently only expensive buyouts are used to avoid the protracted due process of the Code.

UBC Membership

- *Engineering*
- *Health Sciences*
- *Hospitality*