Senate Management Resolution
Amendment to Standing Rule 10 (Motions)

Whereas: Charge and membership information for the Executive Committee and Committee on Committees are contained in Senate bylaws (bylaw 4 and 5), and

Whereas: Greater clarity is needed regarding the use of Senate Management Resolutions to amend the Senate bylaws, and

Whereas: Standing rule 10 contains the information pertinent to the use of Senate Management Resolutions and motions to change bylaws, therefore be it

Resolved That Standing Rule 10a (2) be modified as follows:

Senate Management Resolutions -- motions (other than motions to amend the bylaws) affecting only the rules, procedures, committees or other internal affairs of the Senate;

i. When a Senate Management Resolution seeks to change bylaws, a 2/3 majority is required and the Senate Management Resolution must conform to Article III, Section 5 of the Senate’s Constitution.

ii. Senate Management Resolutions (other than those amending bylaws) need a simple majority to pass.

Rationale: Standing Rule 10.a.2 appears to exclude changes to bylaws through Senate Management Resolution; However, Standing Rule 10.d specifically notes that “The Academic Senate may adopt bylaws consistent with this Constitution” where there is no restriction pertaining to the use of Senate Management Resolutions to amend bylaws. In addition, Standing Rule 10.a.2 clearly identifies Senate Management Resolutions as the appropriate vehicle to address ‘rules, procedures, committees or other internal affairs of the Senate’ and our bylaws contain, in this case, information related to committees that needs to be updated. Thus, it will be helpful to amend Standing Rule 10.a.2 to clarify the use of Senate Management Resolutions in a way that reinforces the connection to the constitution (and section 10.d).

Approved: 12/3/18
Vote: 10-0-0
Present: Bailey, Capizzi, Curry, Gallo, Higgins, Grosvenor, Ormsbee, Rodan, Saldamli, Shifflett
Absent: French
Standing Rule 10

10. Motions

a) Substantive motions are of three kinds:

1) Sense of the Senate Resolutions -- motions which would express the sense or opinion of the Senate, but would not propose new or modified policy or procedure specifically for this University;

2) Senate Management Resolutions -- motions (other than motions to amend the bylaws) affecting only the rules, procedures, committees or other internal affairs of the Senate;

3) Policy Resolutions -- motions which, if approved by the Senate and the President of the University, would create or modify university policy or procedure.

b) Recommendations from standing committees, whether or not they affect any university policy, may be acted upon at the meeting of the Academic Senate at which they are introduced, provided they have been distributed to members of the Senate at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the meeting. However, a recommendation which a committee considers of unusual importance or complexity may be designated by the committee as a "first reading" item, for final action at the meeting following that at which it was first reported by the committee.

c) Motions from the Floor

Motions not proposed by a policy committee:

1) Described in a.1) and 2) above may be introduced and acted on at any meeting under the appropriate agenda item.

2) Described in a.3) above may be acted upon only at a meeting subsequent to the meeting in which it is introduced or in which notice is given to the Senate of intention to introduce such a motion. If only a notice is given, such notice shall include the general sense of the
proposed motion, and may be given either orally or in writing. Upon
giving of notice, the presiding officer will enter the mover's name on the
agenda for the next meeting and will recognize him or her at the time for
New Business for the purpose of introducing the motion. Any motion from
the floor may be referred to a committee on the day when first
introduced.

d) Motions to change the bylaws are governed by Article III, Section 5 of the
constitution.

e) Any motion referred by the Senate to a policy committee must be reported
back to the Senate with the committee's recommendation.

Article III — Organization

Section 5. The Academic Senate may adopt bylaws consistent with this Constitution.
Bylaws may be enacted only by a two-thirds (2/3) majority at a regular meeting
subsequent to the meeting at which such bylaws are introduced.

Section 6. The Academic Senate may establish its own rules of procedure consistent
with this Constitution. A standing rule may be established, amended or rescinded by a
majority vote at any meeting.