F16-3, University Policy, Modification of Senate Bylaw 15 Pertaining to Editorial Changes in Policies and Senate Management Resolutions

Amends: Senate Bylaw 15c

Legislative History:

Modifies Senate Bylaw 15c passed in Spring 2016 which pertains to the correction of errors in Policy Recommendations and Senate Management Resolutions.

At its meeting of November 21, 2016, the Academic Senate approved the following policy recommendation presented by Senator Shifflett for the Organization and Government Committee.

Approved and signed by President Mary A. Papazian on November 28, 2016.

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Whereas: The revisions made to bylaw 15c in Spring 2016 were intended to permit changes to be made to documents by the Executive Committee rather than have minor matters brought to the full senate, and

Whereas: The language in the modification was subsequently found to actually restrict action, therefore be it

Resolved That section c of bylaw 15 be modified as follows:

c) When a policy recommendation or Senate Management Resolution is found to contain editorial errors, that when corrected would not change the intent of the policy or resolution, the Senate Chair, following consultation with and unanimous consent from,
the Executive Committee can correct the error(s). The edited version of the policy recommendation approved by the executive committee will be submitted to the President for final review and signature. Approved editorial corrections shall be recorded in the Senate Executive Committee meeting minutes and changes will be made by Senate staff to the document being corrected. If the editorial changes are not approved by the Executive Committee or the President, the document will be returned to the appropriate policy committee for revision and brought to the Senate for debate and vote.

Rationale: This modification recognizes that the need for editorial corrections are often not detected until after a recommendation has gone to the President or has been implemented. The matter of timing should not result in the Senate having to take up discussion of changes to documents that do not change the intent of a policy or resolution. In addition, the change does not alter the President’s final signature authority on University Policies.

Approved: 11/14/16
Vote: 11-0-0
Present: Laker, Bailey, Shifflett, Rajkovic, Higgins, Ormsbee, Boekema, Hart, Boylan-Ashraf, Tran, Curry
Absent: Grosvenor
Financial Impact: None expected
Workload Impact: No change from current situation