

Proposed Procedures for Adopting a Constitution

As revised and approved by Provisional Faculty Senate on September 19, 2011

The process for consideration and adoption of bylaws is outlined in Section 54 of Robert's Rules of Order 10th Edition. We have also consulted with BSU to determine the process they followed for the adoption of their new constitution. The following are recommendations of the subcommittee regarding the adoption of the constitution. We will present these recommendations in two parts. The first part will be three formal motions that we recommend this body adopt. The second part is some general recommendations that we feel could help streamline the process.

Part One: Motions

Be it resolved that, in accordance with Roberts' Rules of Order, 10th Edition, Section 54 for the "Organization of a Permanent Society," a majority vote of the Provisional Faculty Senate will be required to adopt a constitution.

Be it resolved that any new Faculty Constitution must be ratified by a majority vote of the faculty. Criteria used to determine voting eligibility must be the same as those in effect in the most recent university-wide vote.

Be it resolved that the Provisional Faculty Senate will hold an open faculty forum two weeks before any scheduled faculty wide vote on the new Faculty Constitution to address questions from the faculty at large.

Part Two: General Recommendations

[Timeline section still undergoing revision]

We recommend that if the senate falls behind schedule a senate retreat could be held.

We recommend that staff be available to research issues that may arise during any senate meeting.

We recommend that the constitution drafting subcommittee also be available between meetings to provide research and informational support to the Faculty Senate.

We recommend that two additional members be added to the subcommittee: one from College of Technology and one from Division of Health Professions.

We recommend that, as draft versions of the constitution are discussed in the Senate, they be posted to the Faculty Senate website, with an e-mail sent to faculty inviting their ongoing input.

We recommend that faculty comments also be solicited at the time of the Faculty Wide Vote. The purpose of these comments would be that in the event the proposed constitution fails a faculty-wide vote, the reasons for the failure would be known.