

Motions to Revise
Organization and Procedures of the University Faculty
(OPUF)

The University Faculty Committee proposes three categories of changes to OPUF. The first is purely administrative (Motion 1): it corrects references to the Bylaws of the University and removes obsolete wording. The second adds a point that the Senate has already passed but has not been incorporated into OPUF (Motion 2). The third proposes four substantive changes that need discussion (Motions 3, 4, 5, 6).

MOTION 1: THE ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURES OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SHALL BE AMENDED AS SUMMARIZED BELOW AND AS SHOWN IN RED ON THE ATTACHED DOCUMENT.

Correcting OPUF to agree with the latest version of the University Bylaws
[See pages 2, 3, 8.]

Removing reference to the Sections of the Division of Biological Sciences
[See page 2.]

On University Counsel's advice, remove "or agent" from the description of Dean on the University Faculty [See page 5]

MOTION 2: THE ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURES OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SHALL BE AMENDED AS SUMMARIZED BELOW AND AS SHOWN IN BLUE ON PAGE 10 OF THE ATTACHED DOCUMENT.

In 2004 The Senate passed a resolution to allow the Nominations and Elections Committee to nominate and the Senate to appoint one member a year for a total of three. The other 6 members of the committee were to continue to be elected by the University Faculty. The purpose of this change was to ensure that N&E would have nine members on the committee that would reflect a balance among the schools/colleges and disciplines, as well as the diversity of the Faculty. [See page 10.]

MOTION 3: THE ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURES OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SHALL BE AMENDED AS SUMMARIZED BELOW AND AS SHOWN IN PURPLE ON THE ATTACHED DOCUMENT.

A. We propose two changes to help ensure a quorum at Senate meetings.

1. In counting Senators for a quorum, it is 50% of the senate members that is required; vacant senate seats are not counted. [See page 14.]

2. Constituencies may elect alternate senators to serve if the regularly elected senator is unable to do so. [See page 11.]

MOTION 4: THE ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURES OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SHALL BE AMENDED AS SUMMARIZED BELOW AND AS SHOWN IN **ORANGE** ON THE ATTACHED DOCUMENT.

Recently, a Senator-at-Large was tragically killed. Rather than conduct a special election, we propose that Nominations and Elections be allowed to appoint someone to fill the balance of the term. [See page 12.]

MOTION 5: THE ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURES OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SHALL BE AMENDED AS SUMMARIZED BELOW AND AS SHOWN IN **GREEN** ON THE ATTACHED DOCUMENT.

As a matter of practice a representative from the Cornell Association of Professors Emeriti has been a member of the Senate. We suggest that this be added, (IX. C. 1. e) and the current e and f be changed to f and g, respectively. [See page 11.]

MOTION 6: THE ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURES OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SHALL BE AMENDED AS SUMMARIZED BELOW AND AS SHOWN IN **BROWN** ON THE ATTACHED DOCUMENT.

Finally, the process for modifying OPUF is dauntingly complex and cumbersome. Modification currently requires action by The University Faculty Committee, a majority vote of the Senate, ratification in a meeting of the entire University Faculty and finally a majority of the ballots cast in a mail ballot of the University Faculty. We propose to simplify this by eliminating the requirement for a meeting of the University Faculty and by conducting the faculty vote by e-mail rather than a paper ballot. Since meetings of the Senate are open to all faculty and notices of the items to be discussed are distributed to all faculty, eliminating the meeting of the University Faculty would not stifle the opportunity for discussion. Secondly, since any changes to OPUF would have to be voted on by the entire faculty, everybody would have the opportunity to express their opinion. [See page 18.]