

UNIVERSITY SENATE CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. GENERAL POWERS DELEGATED BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS (Changes to this article are subject to vote only by the Faculty Senate and the University Senate)

Consistent with actions and policies by the regents of the University of Minnesota, all matters relating to the educational and administrative affairs of the University are herein committed to the president, the Faculty Senate, the University Senate, and the several faculties.

ARTICLE II. PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY – POSITION AND AUTHORITY (Changes to this article are subject to vote only by the Faculty Senate and the University Senate)

The president of the University shall be the representative to external constituencies of the regents, the University Senate, the Faculty Senate, the faculties, and the students, and shall be the chief executive officer of the University. The president shall have general administrative authority over University affairs. The president may suspend action taken by any senate, council, committee, campus assembly, college faculty, or student constituency and ask for a reconsideration of such action. If the president and a senate, council, committee, campus assembly, college faculty, or student constituency do not reach agreement on the action, the question may be appealed to the regents by the president, or by any senate, council, committee, campus assembly, college faculty, or student constituency. The president, as chief executive officer of the University, shall have final authority to make budgetary recommendations to the regents. However, in view of the necessary weighing of educational policies and objectives involved, the president shall consult with and ask for the recommendations of other academic officers and the Faculty Consultative Committee and the Senate Consultative Committee concerning such budgetary recommendations as materially affect the University as a whole.

ARTICLE III. THE UNIVERSITY SENATE (Changes to this article are subject to vote only by the University Senate)

1. Powers

- a. The University Senate shall have general legislative authority over administrative matters concerning more than one campus or the University as a whole, but not over the internal affairs of a single campus, institute, college, or school, except where these materially affect the interests of the University as a whole or the interests of other campuses, institutes, colleges, or schools. It may also offer advice to the President on budget, educational policy, and research issues.
- b. The University Senate shall have the power to recognize campus assemblies as official campus legislative and policy-making bodies and, upon so doing, such organizations shall have all powers permitted the campus assembly in this Constitution and Bylaws.
- c. The University Senate may delegate authority and responsibility to campus assemblies in administrative matters concerning only one campus of the University. Each campus shall determine its own assembly and shall adopt its own constitution and bylaws, consistent with the constitution and bylaws of the University Senate.

d. Nothing in this constitution bars the Senate Consultative Committee, the Faculty Consultative Committee, the Student Consultative Committee, the P&A Consultative Committee, or the Civil Service Consultative Committee from discussing and expressing views on any matter they deem appropriate, without regard to any view expressed by any of the other bodies.

e. In case of disagreement between or among the Senate Consultative Committee, Faculty Consultative Committee, the Student Consultative Committee, the P&A Consultative Committee, or the Civil Service Consultative Committee on a matter, each body may present its own views to the president.

f. Nothing in this constitution bars the University Senate, the Faculty Senate, the Student Senate, the P&A Consultative Committee, or the Civil Service Consultative Committee from discussing and expressing views on any matter it deems appropriate, without regard to any view expressed by any of the other bodies.

g. In case of disagreement between or among the University Senate, Faculty Senate, the Student Senate, the P&A Senate, or the Civil Service Senate on a matter, each body may present its own views to the president.

2. Membership

a. The University Senate shall be composed of the following voting members:

(1) the president of the University;

(2) the vice chair of the University Senate;

(3) the 10 elected faculty members of the Faculty Consultative Committee, the 10 elected student members of the Student Consultative Committee, the 2 P&A Consultative Committee members of the Senate Consultative Committee, the 2 Civil Service Consultative Committee members of the Senate Consultative Committee, and the past chair of the Faculty Consultative Committee, who shall serve as ex officio voting members;

(4) the 155 members of the Faculty Senate;

(5) the 50 members of the Student Senate;

(6) 23 elected academic professional and administrative staff members; and

(7) 23 elected civil service staff members.

Qualified academic staff members elected to the Faculty Senate will not be counted as part of the 23 academic staff to be elected to the University Senate.

b. Each member of the University Senate shall represent the University as a whole. The deans, vice presidents, chancellors, provosts, the University Librarian, and the General Counsel shall serve as ex officio nonvoting members. Student body presidents of the Twin Cities, Duluth, Morris, and Crookston student bodies shall, if not otherwise elected, serve as ex officio nonvoting members.

3. University Senate Officers

The officers of the University Senate shall be the chair, the vice chair, the clerk, and the parliamentarian. The president of the University shall be the chair and shall preside at meetings of the University Senate. The vice chair and the clerk shall be faculty members eligible to be elected to the Faculty Senate. The selection and duties of the officers shall be set forth in the bylaws.

4. University Senate Meetings – Call – Quorum

a. The University Senate shall hold regular meetings, at least twice in each semester of the academic year, at a time and place determined by the Senate Consultative Committee and approved by the president.

b. Special meetings of the University Senate may be held upon the call of the president, the Senate Consultative Committee, or upon written request of ten members of the University Senate. Senators shall be given notice of any special session by the clerk of the Senate at the earliest possible date and not less than two days before the meeting. Only subjects specifically listed on the proposed agenda for any special session may be considered at that meeting.

c. At any regular or special meeting of the University Senate, a majority of its membership (not including vacant seats) shall constitute a quorum.

d. Any faculty member, student, academic staff member, or civil service staff member eligible to vote for senators may be admitted to University Senate meetings and shall be entitled to speak at the discretion of the University Senate. Only elected University Senate members (or their designated alternates), Senate Consultative Committee members, and, in the case of a tie, the presiding officer, shall be entitled to vote. Ex officio members of the University Senate may speak and make motions but are not entitled to vote.

5. University Senate Agenda and Minutes

a. The agenda and minutes of each University Senate meeting shall be distributed in the manner specified in the Rules. Matters under Senate jurisdiction, including proposed amendments to this Constitution or Bylaws, may be submitted by any committee of the Senate or any Senate member.

b. Committees and Senate members shall submit items for action to the clerk of the Senate at least two weeks before the University Senate meeting.

6. Twin Cities Delegation

The Twin Cities members of the University Senate constitute the Twin Cities Delegation [TC Delegation]. The University Senate will refer to the TC Delegation any matters that pertain only to the Twin Cities campus. Committees that deal only with matters that pertain to the Twin Cities campus will report to the TC Delegation. The TC Delegation will meet as needed to conduct business at the call of the President, the Senate Consultative Committee, or upon written request of ten members of the TC Delegation. The officers of the University Senate will serve as the officers of the TC Delegation, and all procedures and rules established in the constitution, bylaws, and rules for the University Senate will apply to the TC Delegation as appropriate. If questions arise, the Senate Consultative Committee will determine the application of the constitution, bylaws, and rules to the Twin Cities Delegation.

7. Faculty and Staff Delegation

The faculty and staff who are members of the University Senate constitute the Faculty and Staff Delegation [F&S Delegation]. The University Senate may refer to the F&S Delegation any matters that pertain only to the faculty and staff in their capacity as employees of the University. The F&S Delegation will meet as needed to conduct business at the call of the President, the Senate Consultative Committee, or upon written request of ten members of the F&S Delegation. The officers of the University Senate will serve as the officers of the F&S Delegation, and all procedures and rules established in the constitution, bylaws, and rules for the University Senate will apply to the F&S Delegation as appropriate. If questions arise, the Senate Consultative Committee will determine the application of the constitution, bylaws, and rules to the F&S Delegation. In those instances when graduate/professional students who have University appointments are affected by matters that come before the F&S Delegation, the chair of the Senate Consultative Committee will ensure that graduate-student concerns are heard when an item is brought to the F&S Delegation.

8. Committees of the University Senate

The University Senate may establish standing committees and may also create special committees. Membership on all University Senate committees and procedures for electing or appointing members are described in the Bylaws. Committees may appoint subcommittees. The Committee on Committees shall serve as a resource for subcommittee nominations and shall, at the request of the parent committee, appoint members to standing subcommittees.

ARTICLE IV. THE FACULTY SENATE (Changes to this article are subject to vote only by the Faculty Senate)

1. Powers

a. The Faculty Senate shall have general legislative authority over faculty welfare, educational, and research matters concerning more than one campus or the University as a whole, but not over the internal affairs of a single campus, institute, college, or school, except where such affairs materially affect the interests of the University as a whole or the interests of other campuses, institutes, colleges, or schools. It shall also have general advisory responsibilities for matters related to the University budget. The authority of the Faculty Senate shall include but not be limited to primary responsibility for educational and research policies, providing advice to the president concerning the University's budget, accreditation, designation and granting of University honors, policies concerning faculty appointment and tenure, and matters within the jurisdiction of the Faculty Affairs and Judicial Committees. Only those members of the Faculty Senate who hold probationary or tenured faculty appointments may vote on changes in the Regents' Policy "Faculty Tenure," any matters related to tenure, or any matters related to the Judicial Committee.

b. The Faculty Senate may delegate authority and responsibility to campus or faculty assemblies in educational, research, and faculty welfare matters concerning only one campus of the University.

2. Membership

a. The Faculty Senate shall be composed of the following voting members:

(1) the president of the University;

(2) the vice chair of the Faculty Senate;

(3) the 155 elected faculty or qualified academic staff members; and

(4) the 10 elected members of the Faculty Consultative Committee and the past chair of the Faculty Consultative Committee, who shall serve as ex officio voting members.

b. The deans, vice presidents, chancellors, provosts, the University Librarian, and the General Counsel shall serve as ex officio nonvoting members.

c. For the purposes of this constitution, the bylaws, and the rules, the term "faculty" shall include (1) individuals who hold full-time regular appointments as defined in the Regents' Policy "Faculty Tenure," and (2) individuals who hold full-time multi-year or annually renewable term appointments as defined in the Regents' Policy "Faculty Tenure" and who have completed three years of service at the University.

d. For the purposes of this constitution, the bylaws, and the rules, the term "qualified academic staff" shall mean individuals who (1) hold full-time appointments as academic professionals, (2) have faculty-like responsibilities with a primary focus on teaching or research, and (3) have probationary/continuous appointments or have completed five years of service at the University.

e. For the purposes of this constitution, the bylaws, and the rules, "full-time appointments" are defined as requiring at least 67% time.

f. The manner in which faculty and qualified academic staff are elected to the Faculty Senate shall be prescribed in the bylaws.

3. Faculty Senate Officers

The officers of the Faculty Senate shall be the chair, the vice chair, the clerk, and the parliamentarian. The president of the University shall be the chair and shall preside at meetings of the Faculty Senate. The vice chair and the clerk shall be faculty members eligible to be elected to the Faculty Senate. The selection and duties of the officers shall be set forth in the bylaws.

4. Faculty Senate Meetings – Call – Quorum

a. The Faculty Senate shall hold regular meetings, at least twice in each semester of the academic year, at a time and place determined by the Faculty Consultative Committee and approved by the president.

b. Special meetings of the Faculty Senate may be held upon the call of the president, the Faculty Consultative Committee, or upon written request of ten members of the Faculty Senate. Senators shall be given notice of any special session by the clerk of the Senate at the earliest possible date and not less than two days before the meeting. Only subjects specifically listed on the proposed agenda for any special session may be considered at that meeting.

c. At any regular or special meeting of the Faculty Senate, a majority of its membership (not including vacant seats) shall constitute a quorum.

d. Only elected Faculty Senate members (or their designated alternates), Faculty Consultative Committee members, and, in the case of a tie, the presiding officer, shall be entitled to vote. All members of the faculty who hold regular appointment as defined in *Faculty Tenure* and all qualified academic staff may be present at Faculty Senate meetings and shall be entitled to speak and to offer motions for Faculty Senate action.

5. Faculty Senate Agenda and Minutes

a. The agenda and minutes of each Faculty Senate meeting shall be distributed in the manner specified in the Rules. Matters under Faculty Senate jurisdiction, including proposed amendments to this Constitution or Bylaws, may be submitted by any committee of the Faculty Senate or any Faculty Senate member.

b. Committees and Faculty Senators shall submit items for action to the clerk of the Senate at least two weeks before the Faculty Senate meeting.

6. Twin Cities Faculty Delegation

The Twin Cities faculty and qualified academic staff members of the Faculty Senate shall constitute the Twin Cities Faculty Delegation. The Faculty Senate shall refer to the Twin Cities Faculty Delegation any matters which pertain only to the Twin Cities campus. Committees which deal only with matters that pertain to the Twin Cities campus shall report to the Twin Cities Faculty Delegation. The Twin Cities Faculty Delegation shall meet as needed to conduct business at the call of the President, the Faculty Consultative Committee, or upon written request of ten members of the Twin Cities Faculty Delegation. The officers of the Faculty Senate shall

serve as the officers of the Twin Cities Faculty Delegation and all procedures and rules established in the constitution, bylaws, and rules for the Faculty Senate shall apply to the Twin Cities Faculty Delegation as appropriate. When questions arise, the Faculty Consultative Committee shall determine the application of the constitution, bylaws, and rules to the Twin Cities Faculty Delegation.

7. Committees of the Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate may establish standing committees and may also create special committees. Membership on Faculty Senate committees and procedures for electing or appointing members are described in the Bylaws. Committees may appoint subcommittees. The Committee on Committees shall serve as a resource for subcommittee nominations and shall, at the request of the parent committee, appoint members to standing subcommittees.

ARTICLE V. THE STUDENT SENATE (Changes to this article are subject to vote only by the Student Senate)

1. Power

In general, the responsibility of the Student Senate shall include but not be limited to matters in the area of student government, student organizations, and student publications. The Student Senate shall also exercise an advisory role on matters of student behavior and student academic integrity.

2. Membership

a. The Student Senate shall be composed of the following voting members:

(1) the 50 elected student members

(2) the 10 elected members of the Student Consultative Committee who shall serve as ex officio voting members

3. Student Senate Officers

The officers of the Student Senate shall be a chair and a vice chair.

4. Student Senate Meetings – Call – Quorum

a. The Student Senate shall hold regular meetings, at least twice in each semester of the academic year, at a time and place determined by the chair of the Student Senate. Special meetings of the Student Senate may be held upon the call of the chair, the Student Consultative Committee, or upon written request of ten members of the Student Senate. Senators shall be given notice of any special session by the clerk of the Senate at the earliest possible date and not less than two days before the meeting. Only subjects specifically listed on the proposed agenda for any special session may be considered at that meeting.

b. At any regular or special meeting of the Student Senate, a majority of its membership (not including vacant seats) shall constitute a quorum. Any student eligible to vote for senators may be admitted to Student Senate meetings and shall be entitled to speak at the discretion of the Student Senate. Only elected Student Senate members (or their designated alternates), Student Consultative Committee members, and, in the case of a tie, the presiding officer, shall be entitled to vote.

5. Student Senate Agenda and Minutes

a. The agenda and minutes of each Student Senate meeting shall be distributed in the manner specified in the Rules. Matters under Student Senate jurisdiction, including proposed amendments to this Constitution or Bylaws, may be submitted by any committee of the Senate or any Senate member.

b. Committees and Student Senators shall submit items for action to the Student Consultative Committee at least two weeks before the Student Senate meeting.

6. Twin Cities Student Delegation

The Twin Cities student members of the University Senate shall constitute the Twin Cities Student Delegation. The Student Senate shall refer to the Twin Cities Student Delegation any matters which pertain only to the Twin Cities campus. Committees which deal only with matters that pertain to the Twin Cities campus shall report to the Twin Cities Student Delegation. The Twin Cities Student Delegation shall meet as needed to conduct business at the call of the Chair of the Student Senate, Student Senate Consultative Committee or upon written request of ten members of the Twin Cities Student Delegation. The officers of the Student Senate shall serve as the officers of the Twin Cities Student Delegation and all procedures and rules established in the constitution, bylaws, and rules for the University Senate shall apply to the Twin Cities Student Delegation as appropriate. When questions arise, the Student Senate Consultative Committee shall determine the application of the constitution, bylaws, and rules to the Twin Cities Student Delegation.

7. Committees of the Student Senate

The Student Senate may establish standing committees and may also create special committees. Membership on all Student Senate committees and procedures for electing or appointing members are described in the Bylaws. Committees may appoint subcommittees.

ARTICLE VI. THE P&A SENATE (Changes to this article are subject to vote only by the P&A Senate)

1. Powers

The responsibility of the P&A Senate shall include but not be limited to matters relating to the work of the academic professional and administrative staff.

The P&A Senate may delegate to campus organizations responsibility for matters concerning only one campus of the University.

2. Membership

a. The P&A Senate shall be composed of the following voting members:

(1) the elected members of the P&A Senate;

(2) the elected members of the P&A Consultative Committee if not already elected to the P&A Senate; and

b. The P&A Senate members elected to the University Senate whose terms on the P&A Senate have expired, the past chair of the P&A Consultative Committee, and P&A serving on P&A, Civil Service, Faculty, Student, and University Senate committees who are not already members of the P&A Senate shall serve as ex officio nonvoting members.

c. For the purposes of this constitution, the bylaws, and the rules, and to be eligible to be elected to the P&A Senate, the term "P&A" shall mean Academic Professional and Administrative Staff as defined by the Regents' Policy "Employee Group Definition" who have been at the University for six months or more and hold 50 percent time or greater appointments.

d. The manner in which P&A are elected to the P&A Senate and the University Senate shall be prescribed in the bylaws.

3. P&A Senate Officers

The officers of the P&A Senate shall be the chair, chair-elect, and subcommittee chairs. The selection and duties of the officers shall be set forth in the bylaws.

4. P&A Senate Meetings – Call – Quorum

a. The P&A Senate shall hold regular meetings, at least twice in each semester of the academic year, at a time and place determined by the P&A Consultative Committee.

b. Special meetings of the P&A Senate may be held upon the call of the chair, three members of the P&A Consultative Committee, or upon written request of five members of the P&A Senate. Senators shall be given notice of any special session by the Senate staff at the earliest possible date and not less than two days before the meeting. Only subjects specifically listed on the proposed agenda for any special session may be considered at that meeting.

c. At any regular or special meeting of the P&A Senate, a majority of its membership (not including vacant seats) shall constitute a quorum.

d. Only elected P&A Senate members (or their designated alternates), P&A Consultative Committee members, and, in the case of a tie, the presiding officer, shall be entitled to vote. All P&A may be present at P&A Senate meetings and shall be entitled to speak and to offer motions for P&A Senate action.

5. P&A Senate Agenda and Minutes

a. The agenda and minutes of each P&A Senate meeting shall be distributed in the manner specified in the Rules. Matters under P&A Senate jurisdiction, including proposed amendments to this Constitution or Bylaws, may be submitted by any committee of the P&A Senate or any P&A Senate member.

b. Committees and P&A Senators shall submit items for action to the P&A Consultative Committee at least one week before the P&A Senate meeting.

6. Twin Cities P&A Delegation

The Twin Cities P&A members of the P&A Senate shall constitute the Twin Cities P&A Delegation. The P&A Senate shall refer to the Twin Cities P&A Delegation any matters which pertain only to the Twin Cities campus. Committees which deal only with matters that pertain to the Twin Cities campus shall report to the Twin Cities P&A Delegation. The Twin Cities P&A Delegation shall meet as needed to conduct business at the call of the chair, three members of the P&A Consultative Committee, or upon written request of five members of the Twin Cities P&A Delegation. The officers of the P&A Senate shall serve as the officers of the Twin Cities P&A Delegation and all procedures and rules established in the constitution, bylaws, and rules for the P&A Senate shall apply to the Twin Cities P&A Delegation as appropriate. When questions arise, the P&A Consultative Committee shall determine the application of the constitution, bylaws, and rules to the Twin Cities P&A Delegation.

7. Committees of the P&A Senate

The P&A Senate may establish standing committees and may also create special committees. Membership on P&A Senate committees and procedures for electing or appointing members are described in the Bylaws. Committees may appoint subcommittees.

ARTICLE VII. THE CIVIL SERVICE SENATE (Changes to this article are subject to vote only by the Civil Service Senate)

1. Power

a. The responsibility of the Civil Service Senate shall include but not be limited to matters relating to the employment conditions of the civil service staff; including duties as assigned within the Office of Human Resources Civil Service Employment Rules.

b. The Civil Service Senate may delegate to campus organizations responsibility for matters concerning only one campus of the University.

2. Membership

a. The Civil Service Senate shall be composed of the following voting members:

(1) the chair of the Civil Service Senate;

(2) the chair-elect of the Civil Service Senate;

(3) the elected Civil Service senators; and

(4) the elected members of the Civil Service Consultative Committee if not already elected or appointed to the Civil Service Senate.

b. The Civil Service Senate members elected to the University Senate whose terms on the Civil Service Senate have expired, the past chair of the Civil Service Consultative Committee, and civil service staff serving on Civil Service, Faculty, P&A, Student, and University Senate committees who are not already members of the Civil Service Senate shall serve as ex officio non-voting members.

c. For the purposes of this constitution, the bylaws, and the rules, and to be eligible to be elected to the Civil Service Senate, the term "civil service staff" shall mean individuals covered by the Civil Service Rules who have held temporary or continuing appointments of at least 50% time or more for at least one calendar year are eligible to run for the Civil Service Senate.

e. The manner in which Civil Service are elected to the Civil Service Senate shall be prescribed in the bylaws.

3. Civil Service Senate Officers

The officers of the Civil Service Senate shall be the chair and the chair-elect. The selection and duties of the officers shall be set forth in the bylaws.

4. Civil Service Senate Meetings – Call – Quorum

a. The Civil Service Senate shall hold regular meetings, at least once in each quarter of the fiscal year, at a time and place determined by the Civil Service Consultative Committee.

b. Special meetings of the Civil Service Senate may be held upon the call of the chair, three members of the Civil Service Consultative Committee, or upon written request of ten members of the Civil Service Senate. Senators shall be given notice of any special session by the clerk of

the Senate at the earliest possible date and not less than two days before the meeting. Only subjects specifically listed on the proposed agenda for any special session may be considered at that meeting.

c. At any regular or special meeting of the Civil Service Senate, a majority of its membership (not including vacant seats) shall constitute a quorum.

d. Only elected Civil Service Senate members (or their designated alternates), Civil Service Consultative Committee members, and, in the case of a tie, the presiding officer, shall be entitled to vote. All civil service staff may be present at Civil Service Senate meetings and shall be entitled to speak and to offer motions for Civil Service Senate action.

5. Civil Service Senate Agenda and Minutes

a. The agenda and minutes of each Civil Service Senate meeting shall be distributed in the manner specified in the Rules. Matters under Civil Service Senate jurisdiction, including proposed amendments to this Constitution or Bylaws, may be submitted by any committee of the Civil Service Senate or any Civil Service Senate member.

b. Committees and Civil Service Senators shall submit items for action to the Civil Service Consultative Committee at least one week before the Civil Service Senate meeting.

6. Twin Cities Civil Service Delegation

The Twin Cities Civil Service members of the Civil Service Senate shall constitute the Twin Cities Civil Service Delegation. The Civil Service Senate shall refer to the Twin Cities Civil Service Delegation any matters which pertain only to the Twin Cities campus. Committees which deal only with matters that pertain to the Twin Cities campus shall report to the Twin Cities Civil Service Delegation. The Twin Cities Civil Service Delegation shall meet as needed to conduct business at the call of the chair, three members of the Civil Service Consultative Committee, or upon written request of ten members of the Twin Cities Civil Service Delegation. The officers of the Civil Service Senate shall serve as the officers of the Twin Cities Civil Service Delegation and all procedures and rules established in the constitution, bylaws, and rules for the Civil Service Senate shall apply to the Twin Cities Civil Service Delegation as appropriate. When questions arise, the Civil Service Consultative Committee shall determine the application of the constitution, bylaws, and rules to the Twin Cities Civil Service Delegation.

7. Committees of the Civil Service Senate

The Civil Service Senate may establish standing committees and may also create special committees. Membership on Civil Service Senate committees and procedures for electing or appointing members are described in the Bylaws. Committees may appoint subcommittees.

ARTICLE VIII. GOVERNMENT OF THE COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS (Changes to this article are subject to vote only by the Faculty Senate and the University Senate)

1. Composition

The government of each institute, college, or school of collegiate rank shall be vested in the president, provosts, deans, professors, associate professors, assistant professors, research associates, instructors, research fellows, students, and other group representatives, if any. Each department or division giving instruction in another institute, college, or school may be represented on the faculty of that institute, college, or school by one or more members. Each institute, college, or school of collegiate rank shall determine its own governing rules and policies including methods of selecting faculty, student, and other group representatives, if any, for its government.

2. Powers

Such government shall control the internal affairs and policies of its own institute, college, or school, including entrance requirements, curricula, instruction, examinations, grading, degrees, and academic disciplinary matters, except as provided in Article III, Section 1.

ARTICLE IX. JURISDICTIONAL QUESTIONS

1. Intercollege Controversies (Changes to this section are subject to vote only by the Faculty Senate)

Controversies arising between institutes, colleges, and/or schools of collegiate rank may be presented, after mutual conference, to a special committee appointed by the president and confirmed by the University Senate. If the special committee is unable to arrange a mutually agreeable solution to the problem in question, the matter shall be placed on the agenda of the next regular or special meeting of the University Senate for decision. The Senate's decision may be appealed to the president.

2. Controversies Between a Senate and Institutes, Colleges, and Schools (Changes to this section are subject to vote only by the Faculty, P&A, Civil Service, and Student Senates)

Controversies arising between the University, Faculty, P&A, Civil Service, or Student Senate or any of their committees and a campus, institute, college, or school government or other division of the University shall be resolved by the president, after conference with representatives of the appropriate Senate and of the units in question.

ARTICLE X. AMENDING PROCEDURE (Changes to this article are subject to vote only by the University Senate)

An amendment to this Constitution shall be approved either by a two-thirds majority of all voting members of the appropriate Senate, as indicated in each section, at a regular or special meeting, or by a majority of all voting members of the appropriate Senate at each of two meetings, the second of which shall be the next regular meeting; and provided the proposed amendment has been distributed, in writing, to the persons and in the manner provided in Article III, Section 5, at least ten days prior to the date of the vote on the approval of the proposed amendment. An

amendment shall be effective following approval by the appropriate Senate and by the Board of Regents.

If a proposed constitutional amendment has received affirmative votes of 80% or more of those present and voting at a meeting of the appropriate Senate, but the number of votes cast is insufficient to adopt the amendment (either a two-thirds majority of all voting members at one meeting or a majority of all voting members at the second of two meetings), the amendment may be submitted electronically to all members of the appropriate Senate for a second vote. The votes must be cast no later than three working days from the time of adjournment of the Senate meeting at which the item was considered. The number of votes required for electronic approval will be the same as the number required for approval at the meeting.

ARTICLE XI. BYLAWS (Changes to this article are subject to vote only by the University Senate)

An amendment to these Bylaws shall be approved either by a majority of all voting members of the appropriate Senate at a regular or special meeting, or by a majority of all members of the appropriate Senate present and voting at each of two meetings, the second of which shall be the next regular meeting, provided the proposed change has been submitted, in writing, to each member of the Senate at least ten days prior to the date of the vote on the approval of the proposed change.

If a proposed bylaw amendment has received affirmative votes of 80% or more of those present and voting at a meeting of the appropriate Senate, but the number of votes cast is insufficient to adopt the amendment (either a majority of all voting members at one meeting or a majority those present and voting at the second of two meetings), the amendment may be submitted electronically to all members of the appropriate Senate for a second vote. The votes must be cast no later than three working days from the time of adjournment of the Senate meeting at which the item was considered. The number of votes required for electronic approval will be the same as the number required for approval at the meeting.

ARTICLE XII. EFFECTIVE DATE OF CONSTITUTION

This Constitution shall take effect following its approval by the Board of Regents.