

2022-2023 Year-End Committee Report

Committee:	Faculty Governance
Charge:	Amend the Faculty Senate Bylaws
Chair:	Mark Witte
# of Meetings:	4

Completed Business and/or Accomplishments

- We debated ways to increase the engagement of senators with the process of choosing the chairs to the standing committees they serve on.
- This ended up being a three-part amendment to the Faculty Senate Bylaws that would make three changes: (1) Make hyphenation of names such as “president-elect” consistent in the document; (2) In the case of a vote on impeachment, make it consistent that all senators would be allowed 48 hours to cast their vote (rather than only allowing that leeway to those who did not attend the meeting), and (3), when a committee chair position opens up, to ask members of the faculty senate to self-nominate for this position.
- Along with a few members of the Executive Committee, I met with Nathan Taylor for a discussion of how the Board of Trustees operates and to negotiate for greater transparency about who holds what roles within the BOT.

Unfinished/Continuing Business

The proposed amendment to the Faculty Senate Bylaws received a majority of the vote, but an insufficient majority to pass.

New Business for Next Year

We will re-write the proposed amendment and bring it to a vote in the coming year. Improving communication with faculty will continue to be important.