

**Proposed changes to the Faculty Senate Bylaws  
Presented to Faculty Senate  
April 27, 2021**

Background information

Provost Nieman formed an Ad Hoc Task Force on Graduate Curriculum Process to recommend ways to streamline the curriculum review process. The recommendations of the task force were to localize the review of new graduate courses and streamline the process for reviewing curriculum changes and approval of new programs, and to make adjustments to the purpose and composition of the graduate council.

At the Faculty Senate meeting on April 27, the Provost will share the changes that the Graduate Council has approved to the Graduate School bylaws. These bylaws changes will be voted on by the faculty at large as specified in the Graduate School bylaws procedures for amendment.

The changes in the graduate school bylaws to the curriculum process necessitate amendments to some of the committee charges in the Appendix to the Faculty bylaws which have been approved by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and will be presented to the Faculty Senate on April 27. When revisiting committee charges, committees have updated their charges to reflect what they actually do. The EPPC is renamed more appropriately as the Program Review Committee and the membership is expanded to reflect its new role. The former charge of the EPPC to review university wide policies has been moved to the UUCC. ACSR, the committee that reviews Organized Research Centers, is being proposed as a joint Faculty Senate Provost committee instead of a standing committee of the Graduate Council.

Brief summary of the changes

**Budget Review Committee (BRC)** – Explicitly add charge to review the financial aspects of new program proposals and re-write the charge to better reflect the activities of the committee.

**EPPC becomes Program Review Committee** with a more specific charge relating to program and curriculum review and an expansion of representation. The narrative explanation of how curriculum items should be handled has been updated to remove the role of the Graduate School and reflect current practice.

**University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (UUCC)** – Charge is rewritten to reflect more clearly current committee activities and add responsibility for reviewing policies affecting undergraduate studies (for example, changes to the academic honesty policy).

**Advisory Committee for Scholarship and Research (ACSR)** – Proposed as a new joint committee with a charge that reflects what the committee presently does and composition that ensures representation from the schools and colleges.

In the cases of the BRC, EPPC/PRC and UUCC, these proposed changes have been developed by the committees and approved by the committee members. The ACSR proposal was formulated in consultation with the Provost and the Division of Research (Bahgat Sammakia, Michael Jacobson and Mary Beth Curtin).

These proposed changes must be approved by the Faculty Senate but since they are amendments of the Appendix to the Bylaws do not go to faculty wide vote.