

REPORT
By-laws Committee
January 14, 2014

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1. The bylaws committee met on Friday, January 10, 2014 at 12 noon. Those present were: Dr. Turpin, Dr. Khatri, and Professor Brown participated via the conference call. Dr. King-Berry and Dr. Johnson could not participate because of their prior conference and meetings schedules.
 - During the last senate meeting of 11/12/2013, the Faculty Senate voted to create two committees: Budget Committee and the Research and Development committee. The Senate approved these committees with the stipulation that these committees will need approval by the Board to amend the charter.
 - During research of the charter and bylaws of the senate and Faculty Senate Executive Committee meeting, we discovered that the creation of the standing committees is part of the bylaws and not of the charter, and therefore it does not require Board approval.
 - Therefore, I am asking the senate members to volunteer for these committees by sending their willingness to serve to Professor Pearson. In addition, I am asking Professor Pearson to appoint committee conveners at the earliest possible.
 - I have also asked Professor Brown, and Dr. Khatri to prepare a clean copy of the Faculty Senate Charter and Bylaws that can be posted on the UDC Website by the secretary of the Senate.

I move for the acceptance of the report.

MOTION # 1
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Whereas, the current bylaws of the senate states, "Department / College elections of Senators shall be held in the month of April. Duly elected Senators shall take their seats at the first regular FS meeting of the next Academic Year;" and

Whereas, this situation seems to create a "leadership vacuum" during the summer terms; and

Whereas, during the summer terms, the university administration usually makes important decisions regarding the academia without the active participation of the faculty senate;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the duly elected Senators shall take their seats before May 15 of the academic year.