

Review of Bylaws: Updates
Needed to Include Professional
Curriculum Committee

Senate Bylaw 20(2)(b)(5): Description of Joint Committees: General Education Committee

- Current text (toward end of (b)(5)): “The General Education Committee establishes a philosophy of what constitutes the general education component for baccalaureate degrees offered by the University. It reviews, in accordance with established criteria, all courses proposed to fulfill General Education and University Writing and Math requirements. It makes recommendations to the Curriculum Committee regarding the continued effectiveness of the general education program.”
 - Change final sentence to include Professional Curriculum Committee?
 - Draft: “It makes recommendations to the Curriculum Committee **or Professional Curriculum Committee (as applicable)** regarding the continued effectiveness of the general education program.”

Senate Bylaw 20(3): Committee Reports: Current Text

“(a) Committees shall report to the Senate or to the Senate Steering Committee, orally or in writing, at the request of the Senate or the Steering Committee. Generally such reports will be brief and will be made to inform the Senate concerning committee policies and procedures.

(b) Brief summaries of committee reports may be submitted to the Steering Committee in time for inclusion in the information agenda.

(c) At the request of 10 or more Senators, any committee report which has been submitted to the Senate shall be opened for discussion and for possible transfer to the action agenda.

(d) The Graduate Council and the University Curriculum Committee shall be required to report to the Senate when either is considering creating a new degree program or abolishing an old one.”

Senate Bylaw 20(3): Committee Reports

Simply add Professional Curriculum Committee to (d)?

Draft: “The Graduate Council, ~~and~~ the University Curriculum Committee, or the Professional Curriculum Committee shall be required to report to the Senate when ~~either is~~ considering creating a new degree program or abolishing an old one.”

Amend to conform to current practice and add Professional Curriculum Committee to (d)?

Draft; “The Graduate Council, ~~and~~ the University Curriculum Committee, or the Professional Curriculum Committee shall be required to ~~inform~~ report to the Senate ~~when either is considering creating a new degree program or abolishing an old one~~ about the creation of new degree programs or abolishment of degree programs to facilitate the exercise of the authority provided in Bylaw 4(a).”

Bylaw 4(a) Excerpt of Current Text

“Senate Organization and Procedure: Senate Function

As the legislative body of the University, the Senate is directed by the University Constitution to take cognizance of matters which concern more than one college, school, or other major academic unit, or which are otherwise of general University interest; and it is empowered by the University Constitution to legislate with respect to such matters, subject to the approval of the President and in appropriate instances the Board of Trustees and subject to the regulation procedures of the Florida Board of Governors, if applicable. Among such matters are:

- (1) The educational policies of the University
- (2) The creation of new degree programs
- (3) The abolition of degree programs”

Senate Bylaw 22: Current Text

“Under the Constitution, the Faculty Senate approves any changes to the structure and character, including but not limited to forming, consolidating, transferring, closing and renaming, of the colleges, schools and departments. For the Faculty Senate to consider such a proposed change, the following information must be submitted to the Faculty Senate Steering Committee.

1. A proposal that includes a description of the proposed change, the rationale for the change, its budgetary implications, and its impact on faculty, staff, and students;
2. A tally of the faculty vote in the affected units;
3. A description of the input received from appropriate Academic Unit faculty governing bodies;
4. A statement of support from the appropriate Dean or Director, Vice President, and Provost; and
5. A statement of support from the University Curriculum Committee and the Graduate Council as appropriate.”

Senate Bylaw 22

Add Professional Curriculum Committee?

Draft: “5. A statement of support from the University Curriculum Committee, Professional Curriculum Committee, and the Graduate Council as appropriate.”