

RESOLUTION TO amend the Standing Orders of the Faculty Senate to include people other than Voting Faculty to act as Parliamentarian for the Faculty Senate

To: The UB Faculty Senate Executive Committee and Senate

From: The Faculty Senate Bylaws Committee

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Second Reading to the Faculty Senate: May 14, 2019

Approved by the Faculty Senate: May 14, 2019

Effective Date:

Whereas, The Faculty Senate is in need of an effective Parliamentarian;

Whereas, The Parliamentarian should be familiar with Roberts Rules and all of the documents that regulate the running of the Faculty Senate and the Faculty Senate Executive Committee; and

Whereas, the qualifications for such an effective Parliamentarian do not require that they be members of the Voting Faculty¹, while the current Standing Orders require that they be members of the Voting Faculty;

Therefore Be It Resolved That, the Standing Orders of the Faculty Senate Article 4B be amended as follows:

B. Parliamentarian. A Parliamentarian shall be appointed by the Chair of the Senate with the formal consent of the Executive Committee as determined by a simple majority vote of the Executive Committee.

Sent for Consideration on:

Decision:

¹ Submitted 3/8/18 by Richard Gronostajski for the FS Bylaws committee.

Rationale: It has been difficult to find a qualified parliamentarian from the ranks of the Voting Faculty willing to serve as Parliamentarian. Since there are professional parliamentarians or professional staff or law students who could function in this capacity, it seems overly restrictive to allow only Voting Faculty to act in this role. The requirement for a majority vote of the Executive Committee was added due to previous uncertainties as to the meaning of consent in the absence of an actual vote by the Executive Committee. Since this position has an attached stipend it seems that EC oversight would be reasonable.