



## **TTUHSC El Paso Faculty Senate Bylaws Summary of Proposed Amendments**

### **1.1 Responsibilities of Senators**

- Replaced “excuse” with “prior notification to the president of the Faculty Senate” to clarify ambiguity about the basis for an excused absence
- Changed the number of meetings a Faculty Senator is allowed to miss before forfeiting their position from two meetings per year to:
  - one quarter of regularly scheduled meetings with prior notification, or
  - one third of regularly scheduled meetings within a single fiscal year for any reason

### **1.2 Composition of the Faculty Senate**

- Increased the number of Faculty Senators from each school from 3 to 4 to have sufficient numbers necessary to fill standing committee chair roles and committee seats

### **1.5 Terms of Office for Faculty Senate Members**

- Added language to remove requirement for one third of the membership from each school to be elected each year while still preserving staggered terms of office for senators from each school for continuity of Faculty Senate operations

### **1.6 Election Procedure for Faculty Senate Members**

- Changed the party responsible for notifying each school to hold elections to replace the outgoing Faculty Senators from the Faculty Senate President to the Nominating Committee

### **2.2.2 President-elect**

- Replaced the phrase “term of office” with “commitment” to accurately refer to the president-elect’s three years of overall service in three separate, one-year terms of office as president-elect, president, then past-president

### **2.3.1 Annual Elections**

- Moved the timing of the solicitation of nominations for the Faculty Senate President-Elect from the last quarter of the year to the third quarter of the fiscal year
- Moved the timing of voting for the President-Elect to the final meeting of the fiscal year instead of the first meeting of the following fiscal year
- Added language to provide for a run-off election between the top two candidates in the event a candidate fails to receive the majority of votes

#### **4.1.3 Recruitment of Committee Members**

- Moved the timing of the presentation of nominees for standing committee vacancies for a vote of approval from the first meeting of the fiscal year to the fourth quarter of the year

#### **4.3 Standing Committees**

- Deleted the following sub-headings of category labels for the standing committees and re-numbered the list of standing committees accordingly
  - 4.3.1 Faculty Affairs
  - 4.3.2 University Affairs
  - 4.3.3 Research Affairs

#### **5.4.5 Voting Procedures**

- Added wording at the end of the first paragraph to clarify this section does not apply to elections as Section 2.3.1 addresses the voting procedure for elections