

Proposed changes to the Faculty Council Rules of Order

These proposals are the result of a meeting on Jan. 8, 2016 with Tony Lupo, Tim Evans, Bill Wiebold, and Nicole Monnier, the quasi-formal committee for a review of FC Rules of Order requested by the FC Chair for the AY1516 year.

The proposals below continue the “phase 1” work completed by Tim Evans this past fall. The purpose of that work was to bring the Rules of Order up to date by incorporating rules formally approved by Faculty Council in previous years but which had not made their way into the RoO.

Phase 2

Phase 2 items are simple revisions, assumed non-controversial changes, and/or editorial “clean-up” issues.

1. Clarification that the replacement of Faculty Council Exec member who comes off of Exec / FC midterm (or with significant time remaining in their term) should be by Faculty Council vote. **DONE; top of page 2, sec. 3.D**
2. Clarification that the replacement of FC members who come off of Council before the end of their term shall be left to the colleges and divisions to fill by election. **DONE, see p. 5, sec. 5B**
3. Clarification that the parliamentarian shall be appointed by the Chair in consultation with the FC Executive committee, then approved by Faculty Council. This combines two different statements in two different parts of the current Rules (Sec. 1; Sec. 7B). **DONE; see p. 1 and 6)**
4. Elimination of the position of web-editor. This function is covered by the FC secretary **DONE; see page 1., sec. 1**
5. Clarification that non-voting representatives to FC (e.g., AAUP, MURA) may serve on FC standing committees. This is turning our practice of the past several years into an official rule. **DONE, see p. 6, sec. D.2, iv**
6. Renaming of “Nominating Committee” to “Elections Committee,” as this committee deals with all of the mechanics of the nomination and election procedures for the FC Executive positions. Includes replacement of phrase “tellers” with Elections Committee”. **DONE (throughout pages 3-5)**
7. Allowing for an IFC member to designate a replacement (preferably from FC Exec) to attend an IFC meeting should they need to miss a meeting. The other campuses have rules for this; on at least one occasion last year, the legitimacy of the substitute was questioned as our FC doesn’t have a specified procedure for this. **DONE, see p. 7. section 7G**
8. Allowing for the chair-elect and vice-chair elect to serve as non-voting members of the Executive committee after their election (if they aren’t already members of Exec at the time of election). This makes sense for reasons of continuity, especially as FC Exec often has to deal with issues that do not respect traditional end-of-semester or summer break boundaries. **DONE, see p. 5, sec. 5B**
9. Editorial cleanup items: replacing “winter” term with “spring”; spelling out certain acronyms (e.g., GRP), etc. **DONE (throughout document)**