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## Council for Research Report No. 2016-17-1: Changes to Sections 4.56 and 4.57 of the By-Laws of the Faculty Senate.

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TO: President David Dooley  
FROM: W. Michael Sullivan, Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL titled, Council for Research Report No. 2016-17-1: Changes to Sections 4.56 and 4.57 of the By-Laws of the Faculty Senate, is forwarded for your consideration.
2. This BILL was adopted by vote of the Faculty Senate on December 8, 2016.
3. After considering this bill, will you please indicate your approval or disapproval. Return the original, completing the appropriate endorsement below.
4. In accordance with Section 10, paragraph 4 of the Senate's By-Laws, this bill will become effective December 29, 2016 three weeks after Senate approval, unless: (1) specific dates for implementation are written into the bill; (2) you return it disapproved; or (3) the University Faculty petitions for a referendum.



W. Michael Sullivan  
Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

December 8, 2016

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ENDORSEMENT

TO: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

FROM: President of the University

- a. Approved .
- b. Approved subject to Notice of the Council on Postsecondary Education \_\_\_\_.
- c. Disapproved \_\_\_\_.

  
Signature of the President

12-21-16  
(date)

## Report to the Faculty Senate from the Council for Research December 8, 2016

The proposed changes to By-Laws of the Faculty Senate sections 4.56 and 4.57 were presented, moved, and discussed at the November 17, 2016 Faculty Senate meeting. Per 12.1 of the By-Laws of the Faculty Senate, because a proposed amendment to the By-Laws may not be voted upon at the meeting at which it is first moved, the sections are returned for a vote.

**Rationale for change.** Current language in the University Manual requires that the Council for Research elect its chairperson at the first meeting in September. The FSEC has previously discussed whether the chair should be elected earlier than September so there is continuity for the chairperson role. These changes reflect the most recent input from the Faculty Senate and the Council for Research.

### By-Laws of the Faculty Senate Section 4. Powers and Duties of Committees

#### 4.55 The Council for Research ...

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~~4.57 The Vice President for Research and Economic Development shall be responsible for calling the initial meeting of the Council each fall. Subsequent~~ ~~m~~Meetings of the Council shall be held at the call of its chairperson, as often as necessary, but at least twice each semester. Items for its agenda, which may be submitted to the chairperson, shall normally come from the President, the Council of Deans, the Faculty Senate or its Executive Committee, research bureaus and centers, principal investigators, or the Vice President for Research and Economic Development.

#### **Proposed changes incorporated:**

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