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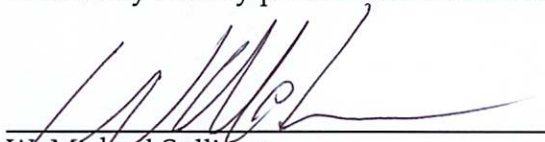
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Serial Number #16-17-31

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

1. The attached BILL titled, Constitution, By-Laws, and University Manual Committee Report #2016-17-3: Changes to By-Laws Sections 4.31 – 4.86, is forwarded for your consideration.
2. This BILL was adopted by vote of the Faculty Senate on April 20, 2017.
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 May 11, 2017 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.

  
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W. Michael Sullivan  
Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

April 20, 2017

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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 \_\_\_\_\_.

  
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Signature of the President

5.10.17  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

# Constitution, By-laws, and University Manual Committee

## Report 2016-17 # 3

March 23, 2017

### **Segment 2: Changes to the Faculty Senate By-laws requiring Senate approval**

Changes to the Senate By-laws were moved at the February 23, 2017 Faculty Senate Meeting. They are returned for approval (By-laws changes require a two-thirds majority vote to be approved, and cannot be voted on at the meeting at which they are first moved).

#### **By-Laws of the Faculty Senate**

**4.30 The Undergraduate Academic Advising Committee (UAAC)** shall be responsible for coordinating advisor training to develop and improve university-wide advisement, ensuring that all academic advisors are informed and trained in best practices in advising, as well as in the university's academic requirements. The Committee shall also facilitate assessment of university-wide advising and make policy recommendations to the Faculty Senate on matters pertaining to the University College for Academic Success, such as admissions policy, length of time to be spent in the college, advanced standing, transfer students, advisement and counseling. [#12-13-34](#) [#14-15-11](#)

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**4.66** The committee shall comprise four (4) representatives from the College of Arts and Sciences and one from each of the other colleges and schools of the University; one from the University Library, the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs or his/her designated representative, the Vice President for Student Affairs or his/her designated representative, ~~and~~ two representatives of the student body appointed by the Student Senate, [and the Director of General Education who shall serve as a non-voting ex officio member](#). The representatives of the colleges and schools shall be selected for their knowledge of general education.

~~and their experience with advising undergraduate students.~~ The faculty members shall be chosen by the Chairperson of the Senate and confirmed by the Senate in the same way as other standing committees of the Senate, except that they shall be named from a list of nominees two of whom shall be provided for each vacancy by the faculty of the college or school being represented, who shall nominate them in a manner to be determined by each college or school faculty. The Chairperson of the Senate shall consult with the dean of a college or school before making his/her final decision. The list of nominees shall be presented to the new Chairperson of the Senate when he/she is elected in the spring. [#14-15-11](#)

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