

MEMORANDUM

TO: Craig Ortsey, Chair Subcommittee Task Force

FROM: Assem Nasr, Chair Executive Committee

DATE: February 20, 2022

SUBJ: Charge to Review the Committee and Subcommittee Structure of the Fort Wayne Senate

WHEREAS, Section 5.3.6. of the Bylaws permits the Executive Committee to call the Subcommittee Task Force into service when "...a service or policy committee is not able to complete work that is deemed to be important and not already the responsibility of an existing subcommittee"; and

WHEREAS, this same portion of the Bylaws mandates that the Executive Committee issue an enabling memo to the Subcommittee Task Force when the latter is called to action; and

WHEREAS, Section VII.B.3.a.(v). of the Senate Constitution permits the Executive Committee to suggest amendments to the Bylaws when the need arises; and

WHEREAS, Section VII.B.3.a.(vi). of the Senate Constitution directs that the Executive Committee "...shall periodically review the committee structure of the Faculty to encourage efficient Faculty participation"; and

WHEREAS, such a review of the Senate's committee structure has not taken place in several years; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee believes that amendments to the Bylaws concerning the Senate's committee and subcommittee structure may be necessary to improve the efficacy and efficiency of its committees and subcommittees; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee has concluded that its workload would not allow it to conduct a thorough review of the Senate's committee and subcommittee structure and compose relevant Bylaws amendments concerning this issue in an expeditious fashion; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee further believes that other Bylaws amendments may be required to enhance the efficacy and efficiency of PFW faculty governance more generally; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee has concluded that its workload would not allow it to formulate such proposed Bylaws amendments in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee understands that the Subcommittee Task Force has lain dormant for many years; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee further understands that the Subcommittee Task Force does not have a full complement of members at the present time;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Subcommittee Task Force consult with the Nominations and Elections Committee during the upcoming Senate committee elections to ensure that more members of the Voting Faculty and lecturers are elected to the Subcommittee Task Force; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in AY 2022-23 the Subcommittee Task Force, once it has enough members to constitute a functioning body, assist the Executive Committee in a review of the Senate's committee structure by suggesting proposed Bylaws amendments that would substantively upgrade the operations of the Senate's committees and subcommittees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Subcommittee Task Force also review the Bylaws and Constitution to suggest to the Executive Committee potential amendments to those documents that would improve PFW faculty governance in a broad sense; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the language of any Constitutional or Bylaws amendments be provided to the Executive Committee by February 24, 2023 so that they can be reviewed by the Executive Committee for potential inclusion on the March 2023 Senate agenda.