

MEMORANDUM

TO: Fort Wayne Senate
FROM: B. Buldt
Chair, Executive Committee
DATE: April 1, 2021
SUBJECT: New Business (Change to the Bylaws)

WHEREAS, Section VII.B.3.a.iii of the Constitution permits the Executive Committee to, with the consent of the Senate, recommend procedures “for the efficient conduct of items of business” on the Senate agenda; and

WHEREAS, the New Business portion of the Senate meeting agenda has seen increased usage in recent sessions; and

WHEREAS, New Business has been moved earlier on the agenda several times in the past few years to accommodate important emergency and emergent items; and

WHEREAS, the current structure of the Senate order of business, as elucidated in Section 2.4 of the Bylaws, places a section during which no business may be conducted (Question Time) between two segments during which business may be conducted (Committee Reports Requiring Action, New Business); and

WHEREAS, the business portions of the Senate agenda should be consolidated into a single block; and

WHEREAS, Question Time has been, is, and shall continue to be an important part of the Senate’s agenda;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate’s order of business as stated in the Bylaws be amended to read:

2.4.8. Committee reports requiring action

2.4.9. New business. No formal business may be conducted, nor action taken on any motion or resolution, after the close of new business.

2.4.10. Question time. At this time, the university administration will respond to written questions submitted in advance through the Executive Committee.

2.4.11. Committee reports “for information only”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this amendment go into effect on August 15, 2021 so that it is operative for the first regularly scheduled Senate meeting of the 2021-2022 academic year.