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**TO:** The Academic Senate  
**FROM:** The Executive Committee of the Academic Senate  
**SUBJECT:** Creation of Elected Subcommittees  
**PURPOSE:** Senate place this on the faculty ballot for changing the Bylaws

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

That the Academic Senate place this proposed change to the Bylaws of the Faculty on the ballot in the Winter Quarter, 2014. If the vote meets the criteria of Article IX of the Constitution, the Bylaws will be amended accordingly.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

In 2012-3, CIC proposed that one of its subcommittee's members have two year terms (see [12-13 CIC 4](#)). This is not permitted by the current Bylaws. However, there are numerous "regular subcommittees" of the Senate that might benefit from such an allowance. The Executive Committee requests that the faculty change the Bylaws to add a new type of subcommittee: "elected subcommittee". Most of the faculty members on these subcommittees would be directly elected by their constituencies and would be permitted to serve 2 year terms, rather than have annual reappointments. This would allow subcommittees to convene early in the academic year, rather than having to wait for a full slate of appointments to be made by the committee and approved by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee speculates that CIC will request at least the GE and Writing Skills Subcommittees, CAPR will request its ILO subcommittee, and FDEC will request its Campus Climate subcommittee to be reclassified as elected subcommittees. The Chair of FAC has indicated that her committee may likewise request some of its subcommittees be reclassified.

Proposed deletions are ~~struck through~~ below and additions are in red.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

ExCom voted to pass the proposed Bylaws Amendments below and asks that the Academic Senate review and place them on the faculty ballot in Winter Quarter, 2014.

**Article XVI (The Committee System)**

**SECTION 11: Elected Subcommittees**

With the consent of the Academic Senate, any committee may establish an elected subcommittee. These shall report to the committee. The election of college representatives to this committee shall be held concurrent to the election of college Senators. At least one member of each subcommittee shall be an elected faculty member of the committee, and shall be selected by the committee at the beginning of the academic year. In addition, the subcommittee shall have at least one member be a presidential appointee. Article XVI, Section 5 (Terms of Office) shall apply to elected subcommittee members. Elected subcommittees may be redefined as a “regular subcommittee” or disbanded with the consent of the Executive Committee. Subcommittee vacancies shall be filled upon nomination of the committee and approval of the Executive Committee.

**SECTION ~~11~~-12:** Regular Subcommittees

With the consent of the Executive Committee any committee may establish regular subcommittees. These shall report to the committee. The Chair shall appoint the members of subcommittees annually, in consultation with the whole committee and subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. At least one member of each subcommittee shall be an elected faculty member of the committee, with the exception of the Graduate Programs Subcommittee of CIC, on which the Presidential Appointee to CIC may serve rather than an elected faculty member; other members may be drawn from any segment of the University community, except that only faculty members may serve on subcommittees that deal with faculty personnel matters. Members of subcommittees shall be chosen with a view of their special acquaintance with the subjects within the purview of the subcommittee.

**SECTION ~~12~~-13:** Special Subcommittees

A. In consultation with the committee, the Chair may establish special subcommittees; and he/she may, with the approval of the Executive Committee, appoint persons who are not members of the committee.

B. Special subcommittees shall go out of existence at the end of the academic year.

**SECTION ~~13~~-14:** Committee Reports

The Chair of each committee shall transmit its recommendations and shall report the results of its consultation to the Executive Committee in the form and manner prescribed by the Standing Rules of the Academic Senate. In those instances in which a committee is authorized to report directly to the President, when recommending a policy matter, the report shall first be placed on the agenda of the Senate, as provided for in the Standing Rules. When recommending specific personnel actions, the report need not be so placed on the agenda.