

## Amendments to the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate (the “Bylaws”) presently include a provision (Section IV) that purportedly sets forth the voting requirements for amending such Bylaws; and

WHEREAS, such provision of the Bylaws in fact only sets forth the requirements for amending the rules and regulations of the Senate, but not the Bylaws; and

WHEREAS, there is no provision in the Bylaws that provides a procedure for amending such Bylaws; and

WHEREAS, it is important to have an official procedure in the Bylaws providing for amendments to the Bylaws; and

WHEREAS, the prior practice of the Senate has been to adopt amendments to the Bylaws upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of those senators present at a duly called meeting of the Senate; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the Trustees of the University of Delaware include a provision requiring an affirmative vote of two-thirds of those senators present at a duly called meeting of the Senate to adopt, amend or repeal the Bylaws of the Senate; and

WHEREAS, the Senate’s own Bylaws must conform with such requirement included in the Bylaws of the Trustees of the University of Delaware;

NOW THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Bylaws shall be amended to include a rule for amending such Bylaws by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of those senators present at a duly called meeting of the Senate.

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CURRENT VERSION OF SECTION IV OF THE BYLAWS OF THE SENATE:

Section IV. Changes in Bylaws, Rules and Regulations

The rules and regulations of the Senate may be changed at any regular meeting of the Senate by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, provided that due notice has been given in the call that the proposed changes in the rules and regulations are to be considered.

(Rev. fall 1988)

PROPOSED REVISION OF SECTION IV OF THE BYLAWS OF THE SENATE:

Section IV. Changes in Bylaws, Rules and Regulations

The Bylaws of the Senate may be adopted, amended, or repealed at any duly called meeting of the Senate by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of those present, provided that due notice has been given of such proposed changes in the Bylaws. The rules and regulations of the Senate may be changed at any regular meeting of the Senate by a two thirds vote of those present and voting, provided that due notice has been given in the call that the proposed changes in the rules and regulations are to be considered.

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