

Motion: Faculty Governance Approval Processes

Rationale: the published faculty governance meeting schedule, including scheduled dates for University Faculty Council meetings, has traditionally provided a framework for faculty review and approval of motions, action items, and curricular changes that has been timely and met the needs of the institution. The current public health crisis, and the university's actions to help contain the spread of Covid-19, has both hampered the ability of faculty governance committees and councils to meet, and has also required quick action that falls outside of current faculty governance schedules and timelines. Additionally, the UFC has not traditionally met outside of its published schedule, including in the summer. This motion provides a framework for faculty governance review and participation in shared governance during this time, to ensure faculty participation and representation in university decision-making. The intent is for this process to be in place until Fall 2020, when the next year's UFC schedule is in place.

Motion: in the event that faculty governance, as part of the university's shared governance structure, is asked to take action on a motion, action item, or curricular change, outside of the published faculty governance meeting schedule, a new meeting of the UFC can be called by the UFC Chair and the UFC Executive Committee. That meeting should not be held in fewer than four business days from the call for the meeting, and the meeting can be held remotely through interactive communication tools. Should the UFC not reach its quorum, the UFC Executive Committee can take action on behalf of the UFC for items that cannot wait for the next scheduled UFC meeting. Should an issue arise that cannot wait for four business days, the UFC Executive Committee can take action on behalf of the UFC. In all instances, every effort should be made to contact and inform UFC members about newly scheduled meetings and actions that must be reviewed. This motion is intended to be applied during the remainder of Spring 2020 and Summer 2020, and must be reviewed by the 2020-2021 University Faculty Council at its first scheduled meeting of the year.