

Proposition Number: 07-16/17

Title: A Proposition to Include a Special Rule of Order in the Senate Bylaws Allowing for the Use of a Consent Agenda

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Proposed Committee:

Assigned Committee: Long Range Planning

Prior Approvals: N/A

Proposition:

To modify the Faculty Senate Bylaws by adding the following language to provide for the use of a Consent Agenda.

Section A. 5.

A Consent Agenda may be presented by the chairperson at the beginning of a meeting. Any item on the Consent Agenda may be removed at the request of any one senator. Such a request is not open for discussion. Items not removed may be approved by majority vote of those senators present without debate. Removed items will be placed on the regular meeting agenda.

Section C. 3. i.

Evaluate and select new propositions for inclusion on the Consent Agenda which are sufficiently routine or noncontroversial in nature so as not to warrant discussion or consideration by a committee. The propositions included on the consent agenda must be distributed at least twenty-four hours in advance of the senate meeting to allow for review by the full senate membership.

Rationale:

The use of a Consent Agenda allows for the approval of routine and noncontroversial new propositions together without discussion or separate motions. Although Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised does not specifically require every item be handled separately, a special rule of order must be adopted allowing for the use of the Consent Agenda process.