

(New proposed revisions are in blue.)

Section 8. Amendments

a. Initiation by a Senate or by the University Senates Conference.

- (1) Each of the senates by vote of a majority of all members present and voting at a regular or special meeting may propose amendments to these *Statutes*. No final senate action shall be taken on a proposed amendment until the next meeting following the one at which it was introduced. The secretary of a senate shall notify the secretary of the other senates and the secretary of the University Senates Conference of the text of a proposed amendment promptly after the meeting at which it is ~~introduced~~ approved. The proposed amendment shall be referred to the University Senates Conference for its consideration and transmission to the other senates for action; the conference may append its comments and recommendations. [continue here without paragraph break] The proposed amendment shall be placed promptly on the agenda of the other senates.
- (2) The University Senates Conference by vote of a majority of all members present and voting at a regular or special meeting may propose amendments to these *Statutes*. The President may also propose amendments and refer them to the University Senates Conference for its consideration, comment, and transmission to the senates for action. The secretary of the conference shall notify the secretaries of the campus senates of the text of a proposed amendment promptly after the meeting at which it is introduced. The proposed amendment shall be transmitted to the senates for such action as each of them shall see fit; the conference may append its comments. The proposed amendment shall be placed promptly on the agenda of each senate.
- (3) Each senate may act on the proposed amendment in accord with its own established procedures, including the right to accept, to modify, or to reject any proposed amendment or proposed statutory text. No final senate action shall be taken on a proposed amendment until the next meeting following the one at which it was introduced. Final action in each senate on the proposed amendment may be taken by a majority of all members present and voting at a regular or special meeting held not earlier than the next meeting following the one at which it was introduced in that senate.

(4) If every senate acts affirmatively on the proposed amendment and concurs as to its text, the conference shall send the proposed amendment to the president for transmission to the Board of Trustees and shall simultaneously notify the senates of its action; the conference may append its comments. If the senates do not agree as to the proposed amendment, the conference shall endeavor to promote agreement of the senates. Where agreement cannot be effected among all the senates within a reasonable period of time, but the text of a proposed amendment has been agreed upon by all but one of the senates, the conference shall send that proposed amendment, the recommendations of the dissenting senate, and its own recommendations to the president for transmission to the Board of Trustees and shall simultaneously notify the senates of its action. A senate may record and send its further comments to the president for transmission to the Board of Trustees.

b. Initiation by the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees may initiate proposals to amend the *Statutes*, but the board shall not finally adopt any such proposal without first seeking the advice of the president, the senates, and the University Senates Conference. Any proposal to amend the *Statutes* which is initiated by the Board of Trustees shall be transmitted through the president to the University Senates Conference and transmitted by the conference, with its recommendations, to the senates for consideration and advice. The proposed amendment shall be placed promptly on the agenda of each of the senates. If the senates do not agree in their advice concerning the proposed amendment, the conference shall endeavor to promote agreement; where agreement cannot be achieved within a reasonable period of time, the conference shall send the advice of the senates and its own recommendations to the president for transmission to the Board of Trustees and shall simultaneously notify the senates of its action. A senate may record and send its further comments to the president for transmission to the Board of Trustees.

An amendment shall become effective when approved by the Board of Trustees or at such later time as the board may specify.