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TO: Dr. Fred Mynard, Chair, Senate Executive Committee  
FROM: Brooks A. Keel, President   
DATE: February 22, 2013  
SUBJECT: February 20, 2013 Faculty Senate Recommendation:  
**Proposed Changes to Article IV of the *Faculty Handbook***

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Following review of the recommendation adopted by the Faculty Senate at the February 20, 2013, Faculty Senate meeting, as provided in your memo of February 21, 2013, I have approved the amended motion below presented to the Senate by Dr. Goran Lesaja.

**MOTION:**

We move that the following changes to Article IV of the faculty Handbook be adopted:

The last sentence "The chair shall be a senator elected by the voting members of the committee." shall be deleted in sections 10, 13, 16, 26, 30.

The last sentence "The committee shall be chaired by the senator appointed by the Senate Executive Committee." shall be deleted in sections 20, 22, 24, 28.

SECTION 2 shall now read as follows:

The Elections Committee shall be chaired by the Senate Librarian. All other standing committees (The Graduate, Undergraduate, Academic Standards, Faculty Welfare, Faculty Development, Research, Service, Library, General Education and Core Curriculum Committees) are chaired by a voting member elected by the voting members of the committee for a renewable one-year term. Ad-hoc committee chairs shall be appointed by the Senate Executive Committee.

**RATIONALE:**

The current wording of Section 2 is as follows (Article IV starts page 38):

Both standing and ad hoc committees shall be chaired by senators. The Faculty Development, Research, and Service Committees and the Library Committee shall be chaired by the senator appointed by the Senate executive Committee. The Election Committee shall be chaired by the Senate Librarian. The Graduate, Undergraduate, Academic Standards, and Faculty Welfare Committees shall be chaired by a senator on the committee elected by the voting members of the committee. Ad-hoc committee chairs shall be appointed by the Senate Executive Committee

We propose to remove the requirement that standing committees be chaired by a senator, in order to let committee members elect their chair, regardless of his/her status relative to the senate. In recent years, it has often proved difficult to find a senator willing to chair a standing committee. At times a member of the committee who is not part of the senate would have been willing to serve.

Once this requirement is lifted, it is only logical that the committees whose chairs are currently appointed by the SEC also elect their chairs from now on.

This motion is submitted on behalf of the Senate Executive Committee.

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Attachment: Faculty Senate Bylaws

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