

Motion to change the bylaws to allow for remote attendance

Rationale: This proposes a change in the bylaws so senators can attend remotely for some sessions if they need to. As written now, if a senator misses more than 2 meetings, they are considered to have resigned from senate. But if we opened the possibility for senators to attend some sessions on zoom, they could choose to attend senate if they were at a conference, or if home with sick family member, or if they choose to attend while out of town for some other reason. In addition, the way the bylaws are currently written, all of these zoom meetings we've been having are technically illegal.

Here are the proposed changes to the bylaws

Article I: Definition of terms: Proposal: Add the following term to line 332—under definitions, after “faculty” and before “faculty governance teams”: “Meeting. A senate meeting is defined as a gathering of a quorum of senators for the purpose of conducting senate business. This may occur in person or over video conferencing platforms, as the situation dictates”

Line 391: The line previously read “Senators who are not physically present during three or more Senate meetings...” Change so it reads “physically or virtually”

Line 433: Role of communication officer: “...and coordinates and monitors the video conferencing platform during the meetings.”

Proposing senators

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