



Memorandum

To: Dr. Joey Taylor, Faculty Senate President

From: Charles L. Karr, President 
David A. Puleo, Provost and Executive President for Academic Affairs 

Date: August 16, 2022

Subject: Response to Faculty Senate Resolution 21/22-10

This is a response addressing the requests contained in Faculty Senate Resolution 21/22-10 “Extraction of Faculty Senate Bylaws from the Faculty Handbook.” The resolution includes three specific requests:

1. that Faculty Senate Bylaws be extracted from the Faculty Handbook;
2. that the Faculty Senate Bylaws no longer fall within the purview of the Policy on Policies, thereby allowing the Faculty Senate to amend its bylaws as it finds necessary without review or input by others; and
3. that relevant passages from Appendix L of the Faculty Handbook be added to Chapter 6 of the Faculty Handbook.

We agree that removing the Faculty Senate Bylaws from the Faculty Handbook is a reasonable course of action. Further, we feel that the removal of the Bylaws can be considered a “technical” revision to the Faculty Handbook thereby requiring only the approval of the provost and the president. That permission is hereby granted.

The second request (that the Faculty Senate Bylaws no longer be subject to review or input by others upon amendment) is beyond our authority to grant. While the bylaws may no longer be considered UAH “policy” after their removal from the Faculty Handbook, Board Rule 108 expansively applies to all “handbooks, manuals, and other guides to [campus] organizations and operations.” Accordingly, before Faculty Senate Bylaws amendments can take effect in the future, the UAH Office of Counsel, the Campus Designee, and the Chancellor’s Designee must all be consulted pursuant to Board Rule 108. We understand that Dr. Lindquist forwarded proposed edits to the Senate Bylaws to Carmen Scholz in February after they were routed through the Board Rule 108 process at that time.

The third request that appears in the Faculty Senate Resolution 21/22-10 seeks to amend the Faculty Handbook through editing Section 6.2 of the Handbook entitled “Faculty Senate.” Revisions for Chapter 6 are currently waiting to be reviewed. We will insert the changes suggested in the resolution so that they can be reviewed during the course of the current review process.

Dr. Puleo intends to soon address with you the process of Faculty Handbook changes, how the Handbook is categorized within the Policy on Policies, and any potential changes to the Policy on Policies. We look forward to continuing this discussion so that we can improve the review process for all involved.