To: The University Senate  
From: Christopher Kulesza  
Subject: Bylaw Amendment to extend term of Chair and Vice Chair

WHEREAS: Building a positive relationship between the Senate Chair, Vice Chair, Purdue University Faculty, and Administration is difficult to achieve within a one year time frame.

WHEREAS: A term of one year is oftentimes insufficient to pursue an agenda with lasting impact.

WHEREAS: A two year term will provide much needed additional time for the Chair and Vice Chair to advocate on behalf of the University Senate and faculty.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED THAT:

The following amendment is made to the Purdue University Senate Bylaws.

**Current**
a) The chairperson and the vice chairperson shall each serve for a term of one year beginning June 1. The vice chairperson shall succeed the chairperson. Election of the vice chairperson shall be by secret ballot at the regular March meeting of the University Senate.
b) At the regular February meeting of the University Senate the Nominating Committee shall nominate at least two members of the University Senate for the office of vice chairperson. Additional nominations shall be accepted from the floor at any time before the election. Nominees must be elected senators. Once elected, the chairperson and vice chairperson shall serve as Senators-at-large and shall relinquish their positions as representatives of an academic unit. The remainder of their terms, if any, shall be filled by a special election in their academic units. Brief résumés of the academic, administrative, and senate service of each nominee shall be distributed at the time of nomination

**Proposed**
a) The chairperson and the vice chairperson shall each serve for a term of **two years**. The vice chairperson shall be elected in **even number years**. The chairperson shall be elected in **odd number years**. The vice chairperson shall succeed the chairperson. Election of the chairperson and vice chairperson shall be by secret ballot at the respective regular March meeting of the University Senate.
b) At the regular February meeting in of the University Senate, the Nominating Committee shall nominate at least two members of the University Senate for the office of vice chairperson or **chairperson**. Additional nominations shall be accepted from the floor at any time before the election. Nominees must be elected senators. Once elected, the chairperson and vice chairperson shall serve as Senators-at-large and shall relinquish their positions as representatives of an academic unit. The remainder of their terms, if any, shall be filled by a special election in their academic units. Brief résumés of the academic,
c) If the sitting vice chairperson is elected chairperson, or the sitting chairperson is elected vice chairperson, the Nominating Committee shall nominate at least two members of the University Senate for the position that shall become vacant for a special election to be held at the regular April Senate meeting. This election shall be by secret ballot. Additional nominations shall be accepted from the floor at any time before the election. Nominees must be elected senators. Once elected, the person shall serve the remainder of the partial term. Brief résumés of the academic, administrative, and senate service of each nominee shall be distributed at the time of nomination.