TO: The University Senate  
FROM: Natalie Carroll, Senator  
SUBJECT: Bylaws of the University Senate  
DISPOSITION: University Senate for Discussion and Adoption  
REFERENCE: University Senate Bylaws, 3.20 (b)  
PROPOSAL: Expand eligibility for service as Senate Vice-Chair/Chair to include former University Senate members  
RATIONALE: Allowing previous University Senators to run for the Vice Chairperson position will allow faculty members to serve as Vice Chairperson, and then Chair, at an appropriate time in their career, whether or not they are currently on the University Senate.

Current Bylaws text with recommended changes in *red italics*/strikethrough:  

3.20 Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the University Senate

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 faculty 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 faculty with eligibility to serve on the University Senate and have served a minimum of 2 years when their term as Vice Chairperson begins. Once elected, the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall serve as Senators-at-large. If a Senator is elected Vice Chairperson, they 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. †

c) To be elected Vice Chairperson, a candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast. If no candidate receives a majority on the first ballot, a second vote shall be taken to choose between the two candidates receiving the largest number of votes on the first ballot.