TO: The University Senate
FROM: Natalie Carroll & Michael Hill, Chair & Vice Chair, Nominating Committee
SUBJECT: Bylaws of the University Senate
DISPOSITION: University Senate for Discussion and Adoption
RATIONALE: Recent questions to the Nominating Committee suggest that changes to the Bylaws would clarify policy:
- Two-term limit for a Senator serving as a replacement (while a Senator is on sabbatical, for example)
- Eligibility for service as Senate Vice-Chair and Chair
We would also like to specify that elections of Senators take place via secret ballot.

Current Bylaws text with recommended changes in red/strikethrough:

2.03 Election of Senators

The normal term of an elected Senator shall be three years, beginning on the June 1 following his/her election. A Senator can serve no more than two consecutive terms (3 years each) on the Senate. Service on the University Senate, when a Senator serves for another faculty member (as in the case of a sabbatical or medical absence), for one or two semesters, will not affect the faculty member’s ability to serve two consecutive terms (3 years each). It will be considered a term of service, however, if a Senator serves on the Senate for three semesters, or more, for another faculty member.

In the event a Senator does not complete his or her term, a replacement Senator shall be elected for the remainder of the original term. After reapportionment of the Senate in November, the individual faculties (see Section 2.00 b 6) will complete the election of Senators who are to assume office on the coming June 1, and report the results to the Secretary of the Senate by February 1. The individual faculties will set up their own methods for nomination and election of senators. Senator nominations may be made by a faculty member themselves or by a colleague, with the agreement of the nominee. Eligible faculty for election to the Purdue University Senate must be tenured, tenure track, or clinical. Deans, Associate Deans, and Assistant Deans may not serve as Senators. Election must be by secret ballot (paper or online). Faculty units may provide alternates to serve, if an elected Senator is unable to serve temporarily, or to replace a Senator recalled on request of the Senate.

3.20 Chairperson and Vice Chairperson 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 and members of the voting faculty with professorial rank.
Respectfully submitted,

**Voted for:**
- Natalie Carroll
- Michael Hill
- Julie Mariga
- Bob Nowack
- James Mark Thom

**Voted Against:**
- Richard Cosier
- Ji-Xin Cheng
- Sulma Mohammed
- Loring Nies

**Not Present:**