

**Proposed language for "received for deliberation only"**

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The following language would be added to the Bylaws as a second and third paragraph in Article IV, Section 5. Parliamentary Procedures:

As specified in Section 2.6.7 of the University Handbook, formal policy changes or new policies that come before the Senate must be formally received at one meeting of the Senate and approved or rejected only at a subsequent meeting of the Senate. However, at the request of the party or parties that place an item on the Senate agenda, the motion to receive may call for a proposal to be "received for deliberation only." In this case, the party or parties that initiated the proposal must present to the Senate a written plan for how they propose to engage the faculty as a whole in deliberation on the proposal or request that the Senate help them to develop such a written plan. By majority vote, the Senate may itself also designate any proposal that has been formally received as "received for deliberation only" and request the initiators of the proposal to develop a written plan for faculty deliberation or develop such a written plan itself in consultation with the initiators. The plan for deliberation may range from a simple request to refer the proposal to an appropriate standing or ad hoc committee of the Senate for study and revision to an elaborate series of faculty meetings within the respective Colleges and a special meeting of the entire University Faculty. The written plan for deliberation must be submitted to the Senate for approval, rejection, or modification.

A proposal that is "received for deliberation only" may not be submitted to a final vote of the Senate until the written plan for deliberation has been carried out and a final version of the proposal has been prepared. The final version of the proposal will then be handled as a piece of new business that must be formally received at one meeting of the Senate and then approved or rejected only at a subsequent meeting of the Senate.