

# To Promote Representative Attendance at Senate Meetings

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Date of Notice:

Wed, 01/28/2015

Legislation, Resolution, or Policy Adoption:

Legislation (Change of Senate ByLaw)

Current Status:

Postponed until 11/11/15

Motion:

## Section I

1.1 WHEREAS full attendance at Senate meetings assures the University Community of its Constitutionally mandated representation, and

1.2 WHEREAS greater familiarity with the workings of the University Senate will provide a secure foundation the future of constitutional shared governance.

## Section II

BE IT MOVED that the Senate By Laws be amended as follows:

2.1 Senators unable to attend a Senate meeting shall arrange for attendance by a Substitute, chosen from the Senator's constituency (either Statutory Faculty, Librarians, Officers of Administration, Students, Classified Staff or Career Non-Tenure Track Research Faculty). The Substitute shall have full Senatorial privileges and obligations while in attendance.

2.2 Senators shall notify the Senate President of each substitution as far in advance of the meeting as is practical.

2.3 An act of substitution shall not be counted as an absence.

2.4 The constitutional requirements for attendance at meetings (see BACKGROUND) are not altered by these ByLaw changes.

Financial Impact:

Cost neutral

Sponsor:

Senate Executive Committee

Related Documents:

[Amended motion redline version](#)

[Proposed amendments to senate bylaws](#)

**Date of Effectiveness:**

60 days from date of enactment.

**Background:**

CONSTITUTIONAL ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS:

8.1 The seat of any senator shall be considered vacant if the senator is absent two times in one term from regularly scheduled meetings of the University Senate, unless the Executive Coordinator of the Statutory Faculty has been notified of the senator's illness or absence on university business.

EXPERIENCE WITH SUBSTITUTION:

The concept of substitution is not novel. Other Senates (e.g. ASUO and OSU Senates) have demonstrated its effectiveness in ensuring the aims described in SECTION I.