

**BYLAWS  
OF THE  
COLLEGE OF DESIGN  
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA**

**ARTICLE I. GENERAL POWERS**

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**ARTICLE II. THE DEAN**

**Section 1: Appointment of the Dean**

**II.1.1** The dean of the College of Design shall be appointed from suitable candidates identified by a search committee. The president or the president's designee shall appoint a search committee to recommend candidates for the position of dean. The faculties of the departments and schools of the college will be invited to provide a list of nominations for search committee membership. The president or the president's nominee may add other individuals to the list of nominees, including, if appropriate, external stakeholders. The president or the president's designee shall choose members of the search committee from the list of nominations. At least two-thirds of the search committee voting membership shall be faculty of the college with a minimum of one per department/school, two undergraduate students and one graduate student, one academic professional and administrative (P&A) staff member, and one civil service/bargaining unit (CS/BU) representative. The president or the president's designee shall provide the search committee a written charge which will include the number of candidates to be received. The search process should provide faculty, staff, and students with an opportunity to meet with and hear in a public forum from candidates who are announced as finalists for the position.

**Section 2: Duties and Authority of the Dean**

**II.2.1** Periodically established reviews of departments/schools and the college as a whole or in part will occur every five years, unless such reviews have been already conducted by external accreditation bodies on an approved schedule. The dean shall send copies of the review summary to the school or department concerned, the executive vice president, provost, and Board of Regents.

**Section 3: Review of the Dean**

**II.3.1** The president or the president's designee shall appoint a committee to conduct a comprehensive review of the dean in the third year of initial appointment. Subsequent appointments shall be annual and renewable based each year on a performance evaluation carried out in accordance with University policy. After the initial three year term, every subsequent five years this annual review will take the form of a major review to be carried out by a committee appointed by the president or president's designee.

**Section 4: Recall of the Dean**

**II.4.1.** Should circumstances warrant, the procedure to recommend a recall of the dean can be initiated by members of the Faculty Assembly through the introduction of a written motion to recall, signed by a minimum of one-third of the members of the Faculty Assembly and filed with the president or president's designee. The senior vice president and provost shall then schedule a meeting of the Faculty Assembly to discuss and vote on the motion to recall. A two-thirds vote of the Faculty Assembly shall be required to recommend to the president or the president's designee that the Board of Regents be asked to declare a vacancy.

**Section 5: Dean's Working Groups**

**II.5.1** The dean's working groups (committees and task forces) may be standing working groups that continue existence from year to year, or special-purpose working groups that are formed for a specific purpose and duration.

**II.5.2** The dean will appoint the members of the standing and special-purpose working groups based on the recommendations of department/school heads, and in consultation with free-standing program chairs, and the chair and vice chair of the Faculty Assembly. Heads will approve committee membership to prevent over-burdening individual faculty members.

**II.5.3** The dean shall appoint the chairs of these working groups and with the chair, select members of these working groups. A statement of the charge and the membership of the dean's working groups shall be distributed to all Faculty Assembly and College Consultative Committee members at the beginning of the fall term and subsequently as new working groups are formed. These committees shall file reports with the dean, who will release these reports to interested parties.

**Section 6: Consultation on Budget**

**I.6.1** The dean must provide a reasonable process affording timely review and effective comment period prior to submitting budget recommendations. Consultation must occur each semester with the Faculty Assembly and College Consultative Committee.

**ARTICLE III. CONSTITUENCIES**

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**ARTICLE IV. GOVERNANCE AND CONSULTATIVE STRUCTURE**

**Section 1: General**

**IV.1.1** Except where otherwise noted, for the purpose of governance, a quorum is defined as two-thirds of eligible membership and a majority is defined as a simple majority, or fifty-one percent.

**IV.1.2** Every official policy of the college shall be passed by majority vote of the Faculty Assembly. Before considering a policy passed by an assembly or consultative committee, the chair of the Faculty Assembly shall determine if it should also be considered by any

of the other assemblies or consultative committees before being voted on by the Faculty Assembly. Every policy that has passed the Faculty Assembly, before it takes effect, shall be presented to the dean. If the dean approves it, she/he shall sign it, but if not she/he shall return it, with her/his objections, to the Faculty Assembly, which shall enter the objections on its record and proceed to reconsider it. If, after such reconsideration, two-thirds of the Faculty Assembly shall agree to pass the proposed policy, it shall become an official policy of the college. If any proposed policy shall not be returned by the dean within 30 calendar days after it has been presented to her/him, that proposed policy shall be an official policy of the college, as if the dean had signed it. If the end of the nine-month academic year occurs before the 30 calendar days, it shall not be an official policy of the college until acted upon during the next academic year.

Any legislative body of the college individually or severally, may pass resolutions by a majority vote to express the opinion or sense of the assembly or committee. A resolution is not a policy. All resolutions passed by majority vote of the assembly or committee require no further action.

## **Section 2: College Congress**

**IV.2.1** The College Congress shall meet bi-annually. The dean, or designee, and chair of the Faculty Assembly shall call the meetings of the congress and prepare the agenda. Agenda topics shall be solicited from all constituencies of the college and may include, but not be limited to, the following items: budget and fundraising, including information on the collegiate compact process; collegiate strategic planning efforts; departmental strategic planning efforts; college academic resources units goals and objectives; and collegiate operations. The agenda shall include a question-and-answer session of adequate time for feedback from all constituent groups. The dean and chair of the Faculty Assembly shall preside over the meeting.

## **Section 3: College Consultative Committee**

**IV.3.1** The chair and vice chair of the College Consultative Committee shall be elected by a majority vote of the membership. The College Consultative Committee shall meet three times per academic semester. The dean, or designee, shall call the meetings and prepare the agenda in consultation with the committee chair or vice chair. Agenda topics shall be solicited from members of the committee and the Dean's Office and may include, but not be limited to, the following items, budget, finance, implementation of collegiate policy, and operations issues. The chair or vice chair shall preside over the meeting.

## **Section 4: Faculty Assembly**

**IV.4.1** The Faculty Assembly membership shall consist of all regular faculty.

**IV.4.2** A chair and a vice-chair shall be elected from among the Faculty Assembly membership by a majority vote. The chair and the vice-chair shall serve concurrent terms of two years, with a maximum of two consecutive terms. Election for new leadership shall take place at the last meeting of the academic year, with their term responsibilities beginning in August of the subsequent academic year. The chair of the Faculty Assembly

shall receive a course release or equivalent compensation at the expense of the college. The Faculty Assembly vice chair shall serve in the absence of the chair or vacancy of the chair position. The chair may delegate certain responsibilities to the vice chair at the chair's discretion.

**IV.4.3** The Faculty Assembly shall hold at least two regular meetings each semester of the academic year. All regular meetings of the Faculty Assembly shall require at least ten calendar days prior notice to the membership. Special emergency meetings may be called with two calendar days prior notice. Regular meetings shall be called and chaired by the Faculty Assembly chair, or in her/his absence, by the vice chair. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the chair, or in his/her absence, by the vice chair, to address urgent matters.

**IV.4.4** The Faculty Assembly chair shall be responsible for setting the agenda for meetings of the Faculty Assembly, chairing all meetings of the assembly, organizing and maintaining records of the meetings with the assistance of dean's office staff, appointing chairs of standing committees and other working groups, and providing consultation with the dean on behalf on the Faculty Assembly both directly, and with the vice chair, as members of the College Consultative Committee.

**IV.4.5** Removal of the chair or vice chair prior to the end of their term requires a special petition sent to the dean with signatures of one-third of the Faculty Assembly. At a regular meeting a vote for removal may take place. Removal requires a two-thirds vote of the Faculty Assembly.

**IV.4.6** Each member of the Faculty Assembly shall have one vote. Adoption of official policy shall require a majority vote at a meeting at which a quorum is present or a majority taken by mail or email vote by the noted deadline. The dean's office is responsible for coordinating and counting votes with the chair and vice chair of the faculty assembly.

### **Section 5: Standing Committees**

**IV.5.1** Members of standing committees are elected for a two-year term typically in the years alternate to the election of the assembly chair and vice chair. Committee chairs are appointed by the Faculty Assembly chair for two-year terms coincident with the chair's term.

### **Section 6: Faculty Consultative Committee**

**IV.6.1** The Faculty Consultative Committee will serve in an advisory role to the Faculty Assembly on all matters concerning policies regulating teaching, scholarship, service, promotion and tenure, faculty leave, curriculum, continuing education, academic standards and grievances, and research centers. Membership of the committee shall consist of representatives elected from the faculty assembly membership, one elected from each department or school, one elected from the Adjunct Faculty Consultative Committee and three members elected at large. The committee members will act as communication liaisons between the Dean's Office and the Faculty Assembly.

**IV.6.2** The Faculty Consultative Committee shall establish policies for the regulation of academic standards. This committee will also be responsible for the regulation of academic standards and provide for the expression of academic grievances and their redress.

**Section 7: Faculty Promotion, Tenure and Leave Committee**

**IV.7.1** The Faculty Assembly shall have authority to establish policy to regulate collegiate matters regarding faculty promotion, tenure, and post-tenure review to assure equitable and reasonable processes and conduct of these matters among the departments and schools. The Faculty Promotion, Tenure and Leave Committee will review departmental documents of nominees for promotion and tenure of regular tenure/tenure-track faculty members and promotion of non-tenure track term faculty members, and may review departmental documents of academic professional nominees for promotion within faculty rank. The committee will advise the dean on promotion and tenure policies and make recommendations about candidates for promotion and tenure. This committee's actions will be governed in accordance with pertinent sections of the University regulations governing tenure and promotion and college policy regarding promotion within rank for academic professionals.

**IV.7.2** In addition to addressing promotion and tenure, the committee will provide the equitable review of proposals for faculty academic leaves and recommendations for the award of such leaves. The Faculty Promotion, Tenure and Leave Committee will review departmental documents for nominees for sabbatical furlough and single-semester leaves. The committee will advise the dean on leave policies and make recommendations about candidates for single- semester leaves and sabbatical furloughs.

**IV.7.3** The committee will consist of two elected associate or full professors from each unit. Members of the committee may vote only on promotion for those being considered at their own rank or a lower rank.

**Section 8: Curriculum Committee**

**IV.8.1** The Faculty Assembly shall review and approve, by majority vote, proposals for new courses and program curricula as well as proposals to change or eliminate courses, curricula or programs. The Curriculum Committee provides leadership and guidance on educational issues of concern to faculty, students, and the administration. The committee shall meet regularly. The committee will consist of one elected faculty member from each department/school, one member elected from the Adjunct Faculty Consultative Committee and two members elected at large from the Faculty Assembly membership. Two undergraduate students, two graduate students, one staff person, the assistant dean for student services and associate dean for academic affairs will be non-voting members.

**Section 9: Centers Policy and Review Committee**

**IV.9.1** The committee shall receive and review annual reports from the centers and inform the Faculty Assembly of center activities. The committee shall review any proposals for new centers and make recommendations to the Faculty Assembly regarding

establishment of new centers, merging of centers, or dissolution of existing centers. The committee will consist of one elected faculty member from each department/school and two members elected at large from the Faculty Assembly membership. One representative from each center, one undergraduate student, one graduate student and the associate dean for research and outreach will be non-voting members.

**Section 10: Adjunct Faculty Consultative Committee**

**IV.10.1** The Adjunct Faculty Consultative Committee serves as the representative body for adjunct faculty. Membership of the committee shall consist of six adjunct faculty elected from the college by majority vote.

**IV.10.2** Fall semester of each year, the dean's office shall call a meeting of all adjunct faculty to elect six representatives to the Adjunct Faculty Consultative Committee. Each adjunct faculty member shall have one vote.

**IV.10.3** The chair of the Adjunct Faculty Consultative Committee shall be appointed by the chair of the Faculty Assembly from the elected members and the vice chair shall be elected from among the Adjunct Faculty Consultative Committee by a majority vote. The chair and the vice chair shall serve one-year terms. Election for new vice chair leadership shall take place at the first meeting of the academic year.

**IV.10.4** Adjunct Faculty Consultative Committee shall serve on the Faculty Consultative Committee and the vice chair shall serve on the Curriculum Committee.

**IV.10.5** The Adjunct Faculty Consultative Committee shall hold at least one regular meeting each semester of the academic year.

**Section 11: Professional and Administrative (P&A) Assembly**

**IV.11.1** The P&A Assembly shall consist of all fulltime (75% or more) P&A members of the college

**IV.11.2** A chair and vice-chair shall be elected from among the P&A membership by a majority vote. The chair and the vice-chair shall serve concurrent terms of two years, with a maximum of two consecutive terms. Election for new leadership shall take place at the last meeting of the academic year, with their term responsibilities beginning in September of the subsequent academic year. The P&A Assembly vice chair shall serve in the absence of the chair or vacancy of the chair position. The chair may delegate responsibilities to the vice chair at the chair's discretion. The chair and vice chair shall serve on the College Consultative Committee.

**IV.11.3** The P&A Assembly shall hold at least two regular meetings each academic year. All regular meetings of the assembly shall require at least ten calendar days prior notice to the membership. Regular meetings shall be called and chaired by the Assembly chair, or in his/her absence, by the vice chair. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the chair, or in his/her absence, by the vice chair, to address urgent matters. Special meetings may be called with two calendar days prior notice.

**IV.11.4** The P&A Assembly chair shall be responsible for setting the agenda for meetings of the P&A assembly, chairing all meetings of the assembly, organizing and maintaining records of the meetings with the assistance of dean's office staff, and providing consultation with the dean on behalf on the P&A Assembly both directly, and with the vice chair, as members of the College Consultative Committee.

**IV.11.5** Removal of the chair or vice chair prior to the end of their term requires a special petition set to the dean with signatures of one-third of the assembly members. At a regular meeting a vote for removal may take place. Removal requires a majority vote.

**IV.11.6.** Each member of the P&A Assembly shall have one vote. The dean's office is responsible for coordinating and counting votes with the chair and vice chair of the P&A Assembly.

**IV.11.7** The P&A Assembly may form working groups. The assembly members will elect the members of the working from among their number by majority vote. Special working groups shall have the authority to adopt rules governing its management and processes, in addition to a chair by majority vote.

## **Section 12: P&A Consultative Committee**

**IV.12.1** The P&A Consultative Committee will serve in an advisory role to the P&A Assembly on all matters concerning P&A members. The P&A Consultative Committee will review all applications forwarded from department/school heads, unit directors, or supervisors and forward, by majority vote of the committee members, recommendations about candidates for mini-leaves, short-term leaves, and extended leaves.

**IV.12.2** Membership of the P&A Consultative Committee shall consist of six or seven representatives elected from the P&A community. The dean, or designee, shall serve as a non-voting member of the committee.

**IV.12.3** A chair and vice chair shall be elected from among the P&A Consultative Committee membership. The chair and the vice-chair shall serve concurrent terms of two years, with a maximum of two consecutive terms. Election for new leadership shall take place at the last meeting of the academic year, with their term responsibilities beginning in September of the subsequent academic year. The vice chair shall serve in the absence of the chair or vacancy of the chair position. The chair may delegate responsibilities to the vice chair at the chair's discretion. The chair shall be responsible for communication with the dean or his/her designee regarding policy. He or she is responsible for setting the agenda and chairing all meetings of the P&A Consultative Committee, organizing and maintaining records of the meetings, appointing chairs of standing committees, appointing and staffing other committees as may be necessary, and provide consultation to the dean and his/her designees on behalf of the P&A Consultative Committee.

**IV.12.4** The P&A Consultative Committee shall hold at least two regular meetings each academic year. All regular meetings of the assembly shall require at least ten calendar days prior notice to the membership. Regular meetings shall be called and chaired by the Consultative Committee chair, or in his/her absence, by the vice chair. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the chair, or in his/her absence, by the vice chair, to address urgent matters. Special meetings may be called with two calendar days prior notice.

### **Section 13: Civil Service/Bargaining Unit (CS/BU) Assembly**

**IV.13.1** The CS/BU Assembly shall consist of all fulltime (75% or more) CS/BU members of the college

**IV.13.2** A chair and vice-chair shall be elected from among the CS/BU membership by a majority vote. The chair and the vice-chair shall serve concurrent terms of two years, with a maximum of two consecutive terms. Election for new leadership shall take place at the last meeting of the academic year, with their term responsibilities beginning in September of the subsequent academic year. The CS/BU Assembly vice chair shall serve in the absence of the chair or vacancy of the chair position. The chair may delegate responsibilities to the vice chair at the chair's discretion. The chair and vice chair shall serve on the College Consultative Committee.

**IV.13.3** The CS/BU Assembly shall hold at least two regular meetings each academic year. All regular meetings of the assembly shall require at least ten calendar days prior notice to the membership. Regular meetings shall be called and chaired by the Assembly chair, or in his/her absence, by the vice chair. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the chair, or in his/her absence, by the vice chair, to address urgent matters. Special meetings may be called with two calendar days prior notice.

**IV.13.4** The CS/BU Assembly chair shall be responsible for setting the agenda and chairing all meetings of the assembly, organizing and maintaining records of the meetings with the assistance of dean's office staff, and providing consultation with the dean on behalf on the CS/BU Assembly both directly, and with the vice chair, as members of the College Consultative Committee.

**IV.13.5** Removal of the chair or vice chair prior to the end of their term requires a special petition set to the dean with signatures of one-third of the assembly members. At a regular meeting a vote for removal may take place. Removal requires a majority vote.

**IV.13.6.** Each member of the CS/BU Assembly shall have one vote. The dean's office is responsible for coordinating and counting votes with the chair and vice chair of the CS/BU Assembly.

**IV.13.7** The CS/BU Assembly may form working groups. The assembly members will elect the members of the working from among their number by majority vote. Special

working groups shall have the authority to adopt rules governing its management and processes, in addition to a chair by majority vote.

#### **Section 14: CS/BU Consultative Committee**

**IV.14.1** The CS/BU Consultative Committee will serve in an advisory role to the CS/BU Assembly on all matters concerning CS/BU members for which the college has jurisdiction.

**IV.14.2** Membership of the CS/BU Consultative Committee shall consist of six or seven representatives elected from the CS/BU community. The dean, or designee, shall serve as a non-voting member of the committee.

**IV.14.3** A chair and vice chair shall be elected from among the CS/BU Consultative Committee membership. The chair and the vice-chair shall serve concurrent terms of two years, with a maximum of two consecutive terms. Election for new leadership shall take place at the last meeting of the academic year, with their term responsibilities beginning in September of the subsequent academic year. The vice chair shall serve in the absence of the chair or vacancy of the chair position. The chair may delegate responsibilities to the vice chair at the chair's discretion. The chair shall be responsible for communication with the dean or his/her designee regarding policy. He or she is responsible for setting the agenda for meetings of the CS/BU Consultative Committee, chairing all meetings of the CS/BU Consultative Committee, organizing and maintaining records of the meetings, appointing chairs of standing committees, appointing and staffing other committees as may be necessary, and provide consultation to the dean and his/her designees on behalf of the CS/BU Consultative Committee.

**IV.12.4** The CS/BU Consultative Committee shall hold at least two regular meetings each academic year. All regular meetings of the assembly shall require at least ten calendar days prior notice to the membership. Regular meetings shall be called and chaired by the Consultative Committee chair, or in his/her absence, by the vice chair. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the chair, or in his/her absence, by the vice chair, to address urgent matters. Special meetings may be called with two calendar days prior notice.

#### **Section 15: Student Assembly**

**IV.15.1** The Student Assembly shall consist of all students registered in the college

**IV.15.2** A chair and a vice-chair shall be elected from among the Student assembly membership by a majority vote. The chair and the vice-chair shall serve one-year terms, with a maximum of two consecutive terms. Election for new leadership shall take place at the last meeting of the academic year, with their term responsibilities beginning in September of the subsequent academic year. The Student Assembly vice chair shall serve in the absence of the chair or vacancy of the chair position. The chair may delegate

responsibilities to the vice chair at the chair's discretion. The chair and vice chair shall serve on the College Consultative Committee. Removal of the chair or vice chair prior to the end of their term requires a special petition sent to the dean with signatures of one-third of the assembly members. At a regular meeting a vote for removal may take place. Removal requires a majority vote.

**IV.15.3** The Student Assembly shall hold at least two regular meetings each academic year. All regular meetings of the assembly shall require at least ten calendar days prior notice to the membership. Regular meetings shall be called and chaired by the Assembly chair, or in his/her absence, by the vice chair. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the chair, or in his/her absence, by the vice chair, to address urgent matters. Special meetings may be called with two calendar days prior notice.

**IV.15.4** The Student Assembly chair shall be responsible for setting the agenda for meetings of the assembly, chairing all meetings of the assembly, organizing and maintaining records of the meetings with the assistance of dean's office staff, appointing chairs of committees and providing consultation with the dean on behalf of the Student Assembly both directly, and with the vice chair, as members of the College Consultative Committee.

**IV.15.5** Removal of the chair or vice chair prior to the end of their term requires a special petition set to the dean with signatures of one-third of the assembly members. At a regular meeting a vote for removal may take place. Removal requires a majority vote.

**IV.15.6** Each member of the Student Assembly shall have one vote. A discussion of issues may be held and a vote may be taken. Such votes require a simple majority for passage.

**IV.15.7** The Student Assembly may form working groups. Working groups are appointed by the assembly chair.

## **ARTICLE V. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE**

### **Section 1: College of Design**

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## **Section 2: Schools and Departments**

**V.2.1** The initial designated schools and departments of the college shall be the School of Architecture, the Department of Design, Housing, and Apparel and the Department of Landscape Architecture, which are established with the adoption of this constitution. Tenured faculty of a department may petition the faculty of the College of Design for the authorization of a new school or department. The establishment of additional new schools or departments or the transfer of existing departments into schools from within or outside the college shall be authorized by a majority vote of the Faculty Assembly, and confirmed by the Board of Regents.

**V.2.2** Tenured faculty of a school or department may petition the Faculty Assembly for the dissolution of a school or department. The dissolution of a school or department shall be authorized by a majority vote of the Faculty Assembly, and confirmed by the Board of Regents.

## **Section 3: Appointment and Review of Department and School Heads**

**V.3.1** To fill a vacancy of a department or school head, the dean will appoint a search committee to recruit, identify, and evaluate qualified candidates for filling a vacancy of a department or school head. At least two-thirds of the search committee voting members shall be faculty of the college. A majority of the committee members will be appointed from those housed in the school or department for which leadership is being sought. Students, academic professional/administrative staff, and civil service/bargaining unit staff will each have a representative on the committee. The committee will submit a ranked slate to the dean, based on the charge given to the committee, of individuals to be interviewed, and later proposed for candidacy.

**V.3.2** Each head will be appointed for an initial three-year term. Subsequent terms are annual renewable.

**V.3.3** In accord with University policy, the dean will appoint a review committee to assess the status, progress, and effectiveness of the department/school head's administration. The dean will consult with department/school faculty concerning the process to be used to conduct the review. The department/school will conduct a thorough review, with special reference to those aspects of operation influenced by the performance of the unit administrator. A written report of findings and recommendations will be prepared for the dean. The dean, in consultation with faculty and provost will decide about continuation of the department/school head.

**V.3.4** Should circumstances warrant, faculty may recommend to the dean by a 2/3 majority the recall of the school or department head.

## **Section 4: Collegiate Centers**

**V.4.1** All centers organized within or affiliated with the college must be organized and governed under the conditions defined in this article, the bylaws of the college, and University administrative policies on interdisciplinary centers.

**V.4.2** To fill a vacancy of the directorship of a center, the dean will appoint a search committee to recruit, identify, and evaluate qualified candidates. At least two-thirds of

search committee voting members shall be composed of faculty members appointed from the schools and departments of the college, with a majority of them being designated governing faculty of the center for which a new director is sought. Each director will be appointed for an initial three-year term. Subsequent terms are annual renewable.

**V.4.3** The dean shall conduct periodic review of each appointed center head, and consult with the faculty Assembly and the governing and participating faculty served by the director before making a determination about the continuation of that director's appointment.

#### **Section 5: Functional Areas**

**V.5.1** Typically, the functional areas are headed by appropriate level professional staff, and report to the dean of the college or his/her designee.

#### **Section 6: Dean's Working Groups**

**V.6.1** The dean may appoint working groups at his discretion. Working groups will be given a charge by the dean at the beginning of each academic year. Working groups may address the following issues: honors and awards, communications, exhibitions, lectures and publications, library and visual resources, scholarship, international, academic technology, diversity

### **ARTICLE VI. IMPLEMENTATION, INTERPRETATION AND AMENDMENTS**

#### **Section 1: Approval of the Bylaws**

**VI.1.1** These Bylaws shall become effective immediately following their adoption by the faculty of the college and their approval by the Board of Regents. Adoption will require a majority vote of the faculty. If a majority vote is not obtained at a meeting of the faculty, a mail or email ballot of the faculty is required. The vote of the faculty ratifying the Bylaws shall be certified by signature of the dean.

#### **Section 2: Interpretation**

**VI.2.1** Final authority to interpret these Bylaws shall reside with the Faculty Assembly.

#### **Section 3: Amendments**

**VI.3.1** The bylaws of the college may be amended by a two-thirds majority of members of the Faculty Assembly. Bylaws and their amendments, or changes necessary for the implementation of this Constitution, may be proposed by the dean, Faculty Assembly, College Consultative Committee, or an academic unit of the college.