## THE BYLAWS OF THE <br> UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO CLASSIFIED STAFF COUNCIL

## ARTICLE I - REPRESENTATION AND MEMBERSHIP

## Section 1 - Membership:

A. In accordance with Classified Staff Council constitution (hereinafter referred to as the constitution) Article IV Section 1 Subsection A, the Council shall consist of a maximum of twenty-five (25) elected members to represent the total number of classified employees.
B. The Council may operate with less than twenty-five (25) members.
C. Any classified employee may serve on the Council, regardless of University service time (years of service) or FTE.

Section 2 - Determination of Eligibility:
A list of classified employees shall be obtained from the University of Northern Colorado Human Resource Services Office (only if needed) to determine eligibility to nominate, to vote, and to serve as Council members.

## Section 3 - Determination of Vacancy:

A. Any council seat unfilled after any regular election shall be declared vacant.
B. At any time during a council year, the seat of any member of the Council shall be declared vacant immediately upon any of the following circumstances:

1. Voluntary or involuntary termination of service with the University;
2. Resignation from the Council;
3. A change in employment status such that the member is no longer a classified staff member;
4. Three (3) unexcused absences from meetings of the Council.
a. The Council Chair shall determine whether or not any absence is to be excused.
b. The Chair shall have discretion in dismissing any Council member under this provision of non-attendance and shall inform the Council at the next regular or special meeting when any dismissal occurs.
c. The Council may choose to retain a member dismissed by the Chair for non-attendance by a majority vote;
5. A successful recall of a Council member.
a. The initiative for a recall vote of a council member shall be by signed petition of not less than ten percent (10\%) of the Classified Employees and shall be submitted to the chair of the Constitution \& Elections Committee.
b. The recall of a council member shall be deemed successful by a majority vote of the voting Classified Employees at a regular or special election.

## Section 4 - Filling a Vacant Seat:

A. A replacement for a vacated Council seat shall be determined by a majority vote of the Council at any regular or special meeting.

1. The appointed replacement must be eligible for Council service as outlined in the constitution Article IV Section 1 Subsection B.
2. The appointed replacement shall complete the full term of the individual whose leaving created the vacancy.

## Section 5 - Membership Emergency

A. For the purposes of this section, a "retiring" or "retired" member shall be defined as a Council member who has served two consecutive terms and is subject to the term limits as identified in the constitution Article IV Section 1 (B).
B. The Executive Board may, at its discretion, declare a membership emergency when:

1. Six (6) or more vacancies on the Council remain unfilled after regular elections, or
2. Six (6) or more vacancies occur at any time during the council-year.
C. When a membership emergency is declared after regular elections, retiring members may be appointed to retain a seat on the Council for one council-year by a majority vote of the incoming Council members present. If membership emergency is declared at the conclusion of the council-year served, retiring members may be appointed to retain a seat on the Council for not more than a second additional council-year during a membership emergency by a majority vote of the incoming Council members present.
D. When a membership emergency is declared during a council-year, any retired member may be appointed by the Council to serve for the remainder of the council-year by a majority vote of the incoming Council members present.
E. Once declared, a membership emergency shall remain in effect until the next regular election.
F. In the case of recurring membership emergencies, retiring members may serve during each period of emergency, but shall not be eligible for any two-
year term until the requirements identified in the constitution Article IV Section 1 Subsection B have been satisfied.

## ARTICLE II - OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1 - Officers:
In accordance with the constitution Article IV Section 2 Subsection A, the elected officers of the Council shall consist of at least a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer, hereinafter referred to as the Executive Board. The Council may, at its discretion choose to elect two Co-Chair positions in lieu of a single Chair. If two Co-Chair positions are elected, they shall herein be referred to as the Chair. This Bylaw Article II Section 1 may not be modified without a concurrent constitutional change to constitution Article IV Section 2 Subsection A.

## Section 2 - Duties:

The Executive Board members shall comply with all duties and responsibilities as outlined in the constitution Article IV Section 2 Subsection B and Article IV Section 3 Subsection B. Additionally:
A. The Chair shall:

1. Preside at all meetings of the Council and of the Executive Board;
2. Enforce the obligations imposed by the constitution and these Bylaws relating to the administration of the work of the Council;
3. Be a non-voting member of the Council; since all council actions require a majority vote (unless otherwise specified), the Chair shall not have a vote in the event of a tie, as a tie vote is not a majority vote;
4. Provide agenda to be distributed to the Council, and instruct the Secretary to request the presence of others as may be needed to accomplish the regular business of the Council;
5. A Parliamentarian shall be appointed by the Chair on an as needed basis. If a Parliamentarian is needed, and no parliamentarian is available, then the chair of the Constitution \& Elections Committee will be called upon to act as Parliamentarian for the matter at hand.
6. Appoint members to standing committees (subject to appointee acceptance);
7. Create ad hoc committees and appoint members to these committees (subject to appointee acceptance);
8. Conduct official correspondence relating to the Council as authorized by the Council;
9. Furnish the incoming Executive Council Committee, the Council, and the classified staff with a written report of the activities and accomplishments of the Council for the council-year (this report should
be provided at the conclusion of the council-year in which the Chair presided).
10. Have spending and signature authority for all matters pertaining to Council business in accordance with the established Council budget;
11. Serve as the CSC Representative on the Student Senate;
a. Rationale: It is important that the leader of the Council represent the classified staff on the Student Senate. The Student Senate places high value on the Council's representation, and potentially relies on the advice and experience offered by the CSC Representative. A strong voice should be present for the benefit of both the Student Senate and the Classified Staff Council. Historically, the CSC representative to the Student Senate has been the most difficult position for the Council to fill, and it is logical to ask the Chair to serve the Student Senate in this capacity.
b. Time commitment: The Student Senate meets every Wednesday at $5: 30 \mathrm{pm}$, and meetings typically run 30-90 minutes.
c. Service Alternative: This responsibility may be delegated to the Vice-Chair if the Chair cannot commit to the Student Senate. (Note: co-representation is not recommended, as this would serve as a hindrance to the flow of the Student Senate's operation.)
12. Serve as one of two CSC representatives on the University Leave Transfer Committee;
13. Have such other powers and perform such other duties that may be assigned by the Council.
14. Serve as Council Representative to the Board of Trustees.
B. The Vice-Chair shall:
15. Serve as a Chair in the absence of the Chair;
16. Assume the duties of Chair for the unexpired term in the event the Chair is unable to complete the term of office;
17. Serve as the UNC Representative on the Statewide Liaison Council of Higher Education Classified Employees (SLC);
a. SLC meets quarterly at various locations throughout the state.
b. The Council shall allocate the registration and lodging funding necessary for SLC membership as a part of its annual budget.
18. Serve as the CSC Representative on the Student Senate if the Chair cannot commit to serving on the Student Senate;
19. Perform other duties as may be deemed necessary and assigned by the Council.
20. Serve as a member of the Constitution and Election Committee.
C. Chair Pro Tempore:
21. In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair from any official meeting of the Council:
a. If the absence is planned, then the Chair shall appoint a Chair Pro Tempore to preside over the meeting.
b. If the absence is unplanned, then members of the Council present shall select a Chair Pro Tempore to preside over the meeting.
22. The authority of the Chair Pro Tempore shall expire at the conclusion of any meeting over which the Chair Pro Tempore presides.
D. The Secretary shall:
23. Maintain the minutes for all regular and special meetings of the Council;
24. Keep the official roll of members of the Council and the attendance record of members at meetings of the Council;
25. Secure meeting places for all general and special meetings;
26. Advertise (post) all regular and special council meetings in an appropriate campus-wide medium, including the CSC website, the UNC Today, and the UNC Calendar;
27. Post (or arrange to have posted) meeting minutes on the CSC website and notify all Council members and the classified staff through an appropriate campus-wide medium;
a. Draft minutes shall be provided to the Executive Board within five (5) working days following any regular or special meeting.
b. Draft minutes shall be posted to the website upon approval of the Executive Board.
c. Approved (final) minutes shall be posted to the website upon approval of the Council.
28. Conduct all official correspondence and issue all notices of meetings as directed by the Chair;
29. Record the election of Council members and committee appointments;
30. Maintain a file of all records and correspondence necessary for the transaction of the official business of the Council;
31. Perform other duties as may be deemed necessary and assigned by the Council.
32. Serves as member of Public Relations committee.
E. The Treasurer shall:
33. Be responsible, with the Chair and the Executive Board, for all Council fiscal matters;
34. Have spending and signature authority for all matters pertaining to Council business in accordance with the established Council budget;
35. Furnish a financial statement to the Council at each meeting, such statements to be placed on file with the Council Secretary;
36. Monitor all CSC funds housed with the UNC Foundation;
37. Create an audit committee and provide all records necessary for the annual audit;
38. Perform other duties as may be deemed necessary and assigned by the Council.
39. Serves as member of Fundraising Committee.

## F. The Parliamentarian:

1. The Parliamentarian shall be called upon for parliamentary service as needed by assisting the Chair or presiding officer in questions of parliamentary procedure;
2. The Parliamentarian must be well-versed in the constitution, these Bylaws, and parliamentary procedure;
3. The Parliamentarian does not necessarily need to be a classified employee, and does not necessarily need to be selected from the current Council membership. However, if the Parliamentarian is selected from the current Council membership, then the Councilor shall forfeit voting rights while filling the parliamentary role.
4. The parliamentary authority of the Council on matters not covered by the constitution or these Bylaws shall be the Robert's Rules of Order (latest edition);
5. The judgment of the Parliamentarian shall be final in all matters.
G. All Officers shall:
6. Turn over to their successors all records and pertinent data of the Council in their possession at the expiration of their term of office;
7. Provide assistance as requested by incoming officers as needed;
8. The retiring Chair and Treasurer shall relinquish any instrument or device used to make any purchase using Council funds to the appropriate authority.

## ARTICLE III - COUNCIL AND OFFICER ELECTIONS

Section 1 - Election of Representatives to the Council:
A. Elections to the Council shall be scheduled to occur annually, according to the following schedule:

1. February 15-March 15: Vacancies Declared;
2. March 16: Nominations Open;
3. March 31: Nominations Close;
4. April 1-7: Constitution \& Elections Committee shall review nominations to determine eligibility;
5. April 15-May 1: Voting by ballot on five (5) consecutive working days to be designated during the period;
6. May 1-May 15: Results published in an appropriate campus-wide medium, including the CSC website and the UNC Today;
7. June or final meeting of the current Council-year: New Council assumes duties.
8. Should any date fall on a weekend or holiday, date will be the next working day.
B. The elections shall be held under the supervision of the Constitution \& Elections Committee.
C. The Constitution \& Elections Committee (or its delegate) shall notify all classified employees members through an appropriate campus-wide medium for a period of at least two (2) weeks not earlier than February 15 and not later than March 15 of any vacancy to be filled at the next regular election.
D. Nominations of candidates for the Council shall be made in writing on forms authorized by the Constitution \& Elections Committee and signed by two (2) or more eligible classified staff members and the nominee's immediate supervisor. Self-nominations are acceptable, but shall be signed by one (1) other eligible classified staff member and the nominee's immediate supervisor.
E. Nominees shall indicate their willingness to serve if elected by endorsing the nomination form. Only the names of those nominees who have filed such written endorsement with the Constitution \& Elections Committee shall be placed on the ballot. Write-in candidates shall not be counted.
F. When there are vacancies and the same or fewer number of qualified nominees have filed consent to serve at the time nominations are closed, the Constitution \& Elections Committee shall declare the nominees elected.
G. Each classified employee at the University of Northern Colorado shall have one (1) vote for each Council vacancy to be filled.
H. Ballots shall be written by the Constitution \& Elections Committee, and electronic voting methods (e.g. www.qualtrics.com, www.zomerang.com) shall be used unless circumstances require the use of paper ballots.
9. In the event that paper ballots are necessary, then the Constitution \& Elections Committee shall determine an appropriate methodology to ensure that each classified employee receives a ballot, voting instructions, and ballot return instructions.
I. Voting opportunities shall be made available for all classified employees for five (5) consecutive working days, beginning on the first working day at 7 am, and ending on the fifth working day at 5pm.
J. Ballots shall be counted and certified under the supervision of the Constitution \& Elections Committee. Any classified employee may serve as an observer.
K. The candidate(s) who receives a majority vote of the eligible voting employees shall be declared elected.
L. Whenever there is a tie vote, the Constitution \& Elections Committee shall determine if a runoff election is necessary. If so:
10. The runoff election shall be held between the candidates within ten (10) business days of the counting and certification of the ballots.
11. Voting for the runoff election shall be limited to three (3) consecutive working days, beginning on the first working day at 7 am , and ending on the third working day at 5 pm .
12. Results for the runoff election shall be posted in an appropriate campus-wide medium within three (3) working days of the closing of the election.
M. If, after elections are held, the incoming Council will not be fully staffed at twenty-five (25) members, then any nominations received after March 31 shall be considered and voted on by the sitting Council at the June or final meeting of the current council-year. If accepted, these nominees shall be considered members at the start of the new councilyear.

Section 2 - Election of Council Officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer):
A. Officers shall be nominated and elected by the Council at the first meeting of the council-year and shall serve for a term of one (1) councilyear.

1. In the event of a membership emergency, acceptance of otherwise retiring members shall be resolved before the election of Council officers.
2. First-year/first-term council members are not eligible to serve as Chair, regardless of previous Council service. This will sustain a continuity of knowledge and rhythm regarding current Council matters.
3. No Council member may serve as chair for more than three (3) consecutive terms.
B. Elections shall be by a majority vote of the Council members present.
C. An unexpired term vacancy, except that of the Chair, shall be filled by nomination and election by the Council at the next scheduled Council meeting if there are more than thirty (30) days left to serve.

## Section 3 - Recall of Council Officers:

A. An officer may be recalled by a two-thirds vote of the Council members after a hearing by the Council.

1. The initiative for recall vote shall be by signed petition of not less than one-third of the Council members, and shall be submitted to the chair of the Constitution \& Elections Committee.
2. Upon receipt of the signed petition, the chair of the Constitution \& Elections Committee shall request an executive session at the next regular or special meeting before introducing the petition.
B. The recalled officer shall remain a member of the Council for the remainder of his/her term of service, unless:
3. The Council member chooses to resign from the Council, or
4. A successful recall of the Council member is completed by the classified staff.
C. The vacated officer position shall be filled in accordance with these Bylaws Article III Section 2 Subsection C.

## ARTICLE IV - STANDING COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1 - Standing Committees:
It is important to stress that membership on any CSC committee is not required for participation, nor is it acceptable to insist that any one committee be solely responsible for carrying out any given Council function. There are a variety of Council activities which may be planned by a given committee, but full Council participation will be expected with the implementation of such activities. For example (and these are only
examples), fundraising efforts shall not be limited to the members of the Fundraising Committee, and newsletter preparation and distribution shall not be limited to the members of the Public Relations Committee.
A. In accordance with the constitution Article IV Section 3 Subsection A, the Council shall maintain four (4) standing committees: an Executive Board, a Public Relations Committee, a Constitution \& Elections Committee, and a Fundraising Committee. This Bylaw Article IV Section 1 Subsection A may not be modified without a concurrent constitutional change to constitution Article IV Section 3 Subsection A.
B. In addition to those standing committees identified in the constitution, the Council shall also maintain a Community Service Committee, an Employee Recognition Committee, a Scholarship \& Professional Development Committee, and a Special Events Committee.
C. The members of standing committees shall be appointed by the Chair (subject to appointee acceptance), and shall serve for the council-year. Members may volunteer to the Chair the committees they wish to serve on for consideration.

1. The Executive Board shall be formed immediately upon election of the Executive Officers.
2. The remaining standing committees shall be constituted annually by the conclusion of the second regular meeting of the councilyear.
D. Each standing committee shall elect a chair, and shall notify the Chair and the Secretary of said election.
E. All standing committee membership shall cease at the conclusion of the council-year, but returning members may choose to renew service on any previously served committee if they wish.

## Section 2 - Committee Sizes and Duties:

The committee sizes listed herein reflect the minimum ideal number for each committee. The Chair shall ultimately determine the appropriate maximum capacity for each committee. In the event that the Council is not fully staffed at twenty-five (25) members, then the committee minimum sizes may be adjusted at the discretion of the Chair without the need for a Bylaw revision.

Whether the Council is fully staffed or not, it is recognized that:

- Some Council members will choose to serve on multiple committees.
- It is fully expected that each Council member shall serve on at least one of these standing committees.
- Each Committee is responsible to maintain documentation in the Council SharePoint site that can be viewed by all Council members so that everyone can be up to date on Council activity.


## A. The Executive Board shall:

1. Approve agenda and assist in implementing the actions of the Council;
2. Tentatively approve minutes so that they may be distributed to the classified employees prior to final approval of the minutes at the next regular meeting of the Council;
3. Be called together upon recommendation of the Chair or a majority of the Executive Board members;
4. Act on matters on behalf of the Council which
a. Arise between regularly scheduled meetings, or b. Do not require the attention of the full Council.
5. Report to the full Council any action made on behalf of the Council.
B. The Constitution \& Elections Committee shall:
6. Consist of at least five (5) members including the Vice-Chair (note, in accordance with the constitution Article IV Section 3 Subsection B, the ice-Chair may not chair the Constitution \& Elections Committee);
7. Meet monthly or as needed, and the committee chair shall provide a summary of each meeting to the Secretary;
8. Arrange, publicize, and supervise the elections and rule on any election disputes;
9. Accept and verify any petition submitted by any Council member to amend the constitution or these Bylaws, and shall ensure that the process to address any proposed amendments have been properly followed;
10. Assure that nominations and election of Council representatives and officers are handled as specified in these Bylaws Article III Council and Officer Elections;
11. Accept and verify any petition submitted by the classified staff to recall any Council member, and, if valid, arrange a special election within ten (10) business days of verification;
12. Accept and verify any petition submitted by any Council member to recall any Council Officer, and, if valid, raise the issue in executive session at the next regular or special Council meeting;
13. Annually review these Bylaws to ensure that the contents are up-to-date and reflect current University practices. Any changes to
the Bylaws deemed necessary under this review shall be conducted in adherence to the appropriate procedures.
C. The Public Relations Committee shall:
14. Consist of at least five (5) Council members including the Secretary (note, in accordance with the constitution Article IV Section 3 Subsection B, the Secretary may not chair the Public Relations Committee);
15. Meet monthly or as needed, and the committee chair shall provide a summary of each meeting to the Secretary;
16. Be responsible for organizing publications and otherwise disseminating information to the campus community to promote Council activities, including, but not limited to:
a. Distribution of a monthly Council newsletter;
b. Notifying the classified staff through appropriate communication channels of upcoming special events, topics of interest to classified staff, etc.;
c. Maintain the CSC website, including, but not limited to current information, monthly meeting minutes, newsletter, etc.
i. The Public Relations Committee may delegate the website management component to a third-party, but shall provide the third- party with all relevant data necessary to maintain the website.
ii. A third-party web manager shall not be expected to generate any site content, but shall be expected to manage the website in an acceptable manner with the data provided by the Public Relations Committee.
17. Publicize community outreach activities and encourage Council participation.
D. The Fundraising Committee shall:
18. Consist of at least six (6) members including the Treasurer (note, in accordance with the constitution Article IV Section 3 Subsection $B$, the Treasurer may not chair the Fundraising Committee);
19. Meet monthly or as needed, and the committee chair shall provide a summary of each meeting to the Secretary;
20. Be responsible for organizing, publicizing, overseeing, and implementing fundraisers for the Council;
21. Publicize, organize, solicit donations for, and oversee the annual Silent Auction (with strong participation from the Council at-large);
22. Publicize and solicit donations for the UNC Foundation CSC Classified Dependent Scholarship.
23. Collaborate with the UNC Foundation in any campus-wide campaigns and special events which may serve to benefit the Council.
E. The Community Service Committee shall:
24. Consist of at least five (5) members;
25. Meet monthly or as needed, and the committee chair shall provide a summary of each meeting to the Secretary;
26. Develop, publicize, and/or promote endeavors which will benefit the UNC campus community, with particular emphasis on activities which will directly benefit the classified staff, students, exempt staff, and/or faculty;
27. Collaborate and/or participate with other campus and community groups on projects which will benefit the UNC campus community.
F. The Employee Recognition Committee shall:
28. Consist of at least five (5) members;
29. Meet monthly or as needed, and the committee chair shall provide a summary of each meeting to the Secretary;
30. Manage a Classified Employee of the Year Program, including, but not limited to:
a. development of nomination and evaluation criteria;
b. publicizing the call for nominations and identifying submission deadlines;
c. evaluating nomination materials and selecting the winner(s);
d. presentation of the award, which shall coincide with the annual Employee Recognition \& Service Milestone Awards Banquet (note: the committee may ask the Chair or the Banquet Emcee to present the award).
31. Purchase, or arrange to have purchased, all awards to be presented at the Employee Recognition \& Service Milestone Awards Banquet.
32. Develop, publicize, and implement programs to recognize and/or reward employees and/or groups of employees. Possible ideas include Employee of the Month, Employee of the Term, Department Spotlight, etc.;
33. Collaborate with other committees and/or University groups to further employee recognition endeavors, including the Special Events Committee for the annual Employee Recognition \& Service Milestone Awards Banquet.
G. The Scholarship \& Professional Development Committee shall:
34. Consist of at least five (5) members;
35. Meet monthly or as needed, and the committee chair shall provide a summary of each meeting to the Secretary;
36. Determine evaluation criteria and funding amounts for the CSC Classified Dependent Scholarship;
a. The applicant pool shall be pulled from the UNC Universal Scholarship applications; b. Applications shall be reviewed no earlier than June 1;
c. Awards for the following academic year shall be determined no later than June council meeting, and awardees shall be notified no later than June 15.
37. Determine evaluation criteria, request funding amounts from council, and award schedules for awarding professional development grants to classified employees.
H. The Special Events Committee shall:
38. Consist of at least five (5) members;
39. Meet monthly or as needed, and the committee chair shall provide a summary of each meeting to the Secretary;
40. Plan and execute the annual Employee Recognition Banquet;
a. The Banquet is a multi-committee endeavor. Assistance shall be necessary from other committees both within and beyond the Classified Staff Council, and all CSC members are expected to participate;
b. Partnership with the exempt staff council is crucial, and every effort to solicit their participation must be made;
c. Additionally, specific assistance from the following committees must be sought:
i. Employee Recognition Committee (procurement of service milestone awards);
ii. Fundraising Committee (Silent Auction);
iii. Executive Board (coordination of efforts).
4.Plan and execute other activities which would promote Classified Employee interests, such as social events, brown bag/professional development events, yard sale, etc.
I. Workplace Culture Committee:
41. Develop support and advocacy for Classified staff
42. Educate Classified employees in improving workplace relationships by
a. Directing employees to helpful resources, tools, and trainings
b. Advocating for Classified staff in their workplaces to resolve issues with others
c. Working with Human Resources to find satisfactory resolutions to workplace concerns
43. Plan and execute other activities to promote Classified employee interests and a better workplace culture
44. Members must attend advocacy training on a yearly basis to serve on the committee and/or as advocates

## Section 3 - External Standing Committees:

A. The Council shall maintain relationships with other campus governance groups and committees by invitation from these non-CSC standing committees. It should be noted that some of these committees meet regularly (e.g. weekly, monthly, quarterly), while others meet on an as-needed basis.
B. Council will maintain a list of non-CSC standing committees without the need to 603 include in the Bylaws.
C. Membership invitations from non-CSC standing committees may be rescinded at any time and for any or no reason. Such action shall automatically remove the expectation from these Bylaws Article IV Section 3 Subsection B without the need for a formal Bylaw revision.
D. Membership invitations from existing or newly-established non-CSC standing committees may be extended at any time. If the Council chooses to accept the invitation, then such action shall automatically include the expectation in these Bylaws Article IV Section 3 Subsection $B$ without the need for a formal Bylaw revision.

## Section 4 - Ad Hoc Committees and Representative Appointments:

A. The Chair may designate ad hoc committees and representative appointments to CSC and/or external committees as needed or as requested, and shall appoint members (subject to appointee acceptance) to serve for the duration of the committee's existence or for the Council Year, whichever comes first.
B. In the case of multi-year ad hoc committees and representative appointment needs, Council members may continue service with the specific appointment if they so desire.

> Example: Halfway through a Council Year, the President of the University establishes a committee to establish overall workplace wellness, which is expected to exist for 18 months. A firstyear/second-term (third year) Council member is appointed to represent the CSC on this committee. At the start of the next council-year, if the appointed member wishes to continue serving on the wellness committee, then the Council shall reappoint the member to the ad hoc committee. For the purposes of informational continuity and consistency, such service should be encouraged by the Council.
C. In the case of a representative appointment which spans beyond a Council member's term, the member may continue service with the specific appointment without continuing Council service, subject to a majority vote of the incoming Council.

> Example: Halfway through a Council Year, the President of the University establishes a committee to develop a Three-Year University Master Plan, which is expected to exist for 24 months. A second-year/second-term (fourth year) Council member is appointed to represent the CSC on this committee. At the conclusion of the Council member's fourth year of CSC service, s/he is term-limited, and must step down for one year in accordance with the CSC constitution. However, the retiring member may wish to continue to serve on the Master Plan Committee. If the Council member is willing, and if the Council approves the continued appointment by majority vote, then the Council member shall be permitted to continue to represent the Council in the specific capacity of the ad hoc committee.

Section 4 - Recall From Any Committee:
A. A Council member may be recalled from any committee service not specifically established by the constitution or these Bylaws by a twothirds vote of the Council members after a hearing by the Council.

1. The initiative for recall vote shall be by signed petition of not less than one- third of the Council members, and shall be submitted to the chair of the Constitution \& Elections Committee.
2. Upon receipt of the signed petition, the chair of the Constitution \& Elections Committee shall request an executive session at the next regular or special meeting before introducing the petition.

# B. The recalled committee member shall remain a member of the Council for the remainder of his/her term of service, unless: 

1. The Council member chooses to resign from the Council, or 2. A successful recall of the Council member is completed by the classified staff.
C. The Chair shall, at his/her discretion, fill the committee assignment with another Council member (subject to appointee approval).

## ARTICLE V - MEETINGS AND QUORUM


#### Abstract

All general and special meetings shall be open to the public (notwithstanding Bylaw Article V Section 2 Subsection C), unless voted into executive session, and opportunity for public comment must be afforded, but no person not a member of the Council may participate in discussion except by invitation from the Council or by consent of the Council members present. This Bylaw Article V Introduction may not be modified without a concurrent constitutional change to constitution Article V Section 3.


## Section 1 - Regular Meetings:

A. Regular meetings of the Council shall be held at least once each month during the council-year.
B. The Executive Board, with the approval of the Council, shall determine a schedule of regular meetings for the calendar year; such schedule will be published in an appropriate campus-wide medium.
C. Regular meetings may be cancelled only in accordance with the conditions outlined in the constitution Article V Section 1 Subsection C.

## Section 2 - Special Meetings:

A. Special meetings may be called at any time by the Chair, or may be requested by any Council member.

1. If a special meeting is requested by a Council member, then the Executive Board shall review the request to determine whether or not a special meeting is necessary.
B. The Chair shall consult Council members when setting the time and date of special meetings to ensure that a quorum can be present.
C. Under exigent circumstances, special meetings may be held using alternative formats (e.g. teleconference, video conference, e-mail, threaded discussion, etc.).
2. In such cases, the type of vote needed shall be appropriate to the matter at hand (e.g. majority, two-thirds, etc.); and
3. If a vote is needed between regularly scheduled Council meetings a vote may be called by the Chair using an University Email message containing voting buttons. 24 hours must elapse from the time the email is sent to the time the votes may be counted, not including weekends or holidays.
4. The Secretary shall record the votes for the minutes and publish the results in an appropriate campus-wide medium within three (3) business days of the vote.
5. Opportunity for Public Session to specifically address the special meeting held using alternative formats shall be afforded at the next regular meeting.
a. If any person speaks in opposition to the business conducted during the special meeting held using alternative formats, then a vote to uphold, modify, or rescind the vote from the special session shall ensue immediately following the Public Session.

## Section 3 - Executive Session:

A. At any regular or special meeting, any Council member may raise a motion to enter into an executive session, which is subject to a majority vote of the Council. Such matters requiring an executive session typically involve (but are not limited to) the removal of Council personnel.
B. Executive sessions are not open to the public, but a person(s) not a member of the Council may remain if invited by a majority vote of the Council.
C. Executive sessions should only be used to discuss sensitive matters that, if discussed openly, may:

1. Otherwise cause actual or perceived harm to any individual, group of individuals, group, or entity, or
2. Violate any Federal laws, state laws, or University policies pertaining to privacy or confidentiality (e.g. FERPA, HIPPA).
D. Council members are expected to hold matters brought up in an executive session as confidential.
E. While in executive session, the Secretary shall keep a record of:
3. Motions raised (and related amendments), and
4. Results from all votes.
a. Meeting minutes shall reflect the outcome of any executive session, but shall not include any details of discussion.
b. The Chair shall review meeting minutes from any executive session prior to sharing with the Executive Board, the Council, and the classified staff.
E. When the business at hand has been resolved, any Council member may raise a motion to exit an executive session, which is subject to a majority vote of the Council.

## Section 5 - Quorum:

A. A majority of the voting membership of the Council shall constitute a quorum authorized to transact business at any regular or special meeting of the Council.
B. A majority vote of the quorum shall be necessary for the transaction of Council business.
C. If a quorum is called for, but does not exist, then the Council meeting shall automatically adjourn.
D. If a quorum is not called for, then parliamentary procedure shall govern any occurring Council business.

## ARTICLE VI - ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. The Chair shall have discretion in determining the actual order of business at each general or special meeting.
B. The recommended order of business at a regular meeting of the Council shall, at a minimum, include:

1. Roll Call;
2. Announcement of a quorum (if necessary);
3. Approval of agenda;
4. Approval of minutes;
5. Announcements and communications;
6. Public Session;
7. Unfinished (old) business;
8. New Business;
9. Reports from officers and committees;
10. Adjournment

## ARTICLE VII - FINANCES

## Section 1 - Accountability:

All CSC monies received or disbursed will be administered within an account using commonly accepted accounting procedures and practices.
The Treasurer shall maintain all necessary records of transactions for accountability and audit purposes.

Section 2 - Budget:
A. The CSC Executive Board shall develop a budget plan for the current year and present it to the Council for approval no later than the September meeting after Council officers are elected for the year.
B. The Chair and the Treasurer shall have signature (spending) authority for all CSC business. Signature authority may be delegated to additional Council members by unanimous consent of the Executive Board, and shall be monitored by the Treasurer.
C. The budget shall be monitored monthly by the Treasurer.
D. The Treasurer shall report planned versus actual budget status at all regular meetings of the Council.

Section 3 - Audit:
A. The Treasurer shall be responsible for ensuring an annual audit of all financial transactions by creating an ad hoc audit committee of at least two (2) people.
B. The ad hoc audit committee may be comprised of any University employee(s) other than the Chair or the Treasurer.
C. The ad hoc audit committee shall be convened no later than May 25 of the council-year.
D. The Chair and the Treasurer shall furnish the ad hoc audit committee with all financial records for the council-year.

1. The results of this audit shall be reported to the Council at its final meeting of the council-year, or
2. If outstanding financial business remains, then a preliminary report shall be presented to the Council at its final meeting of the councilyear.
E. A copy of the audit shall be included in the Chair's annual report.

## ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

Section 1 - Correction to the Bylaws:
A. Corrections may be made to these Bylaws without the need for formal amendment if they are:

1. Typographical or grammatical in nature; or
2. If they pertain to formatting and appearance; or
3. Of a "housekeeping" nature (e.g. changing a committee name, changing a constitutional reference). The Constitution \& Elections Committee shall determine whether or not a modification is of a housekeeping nature.

Section 2 - Initiation of Amendment to the Bylaws:
A. An amendment or revision (hereinafter referred to as an amendment) to these Bylaws may be proposed by any current Council member.
B. Any proposed amendment shall be submitted in final form to the Constitution \& Elections Committee chair at least two (2) weeks prior to its introduction. The Constitution \& Elections Committee shall review the proposed amendment to ensure its validity and to confirm adherence to these Bylaws Article VIII, and the Council Constitution, and shall then forward the proposed amendment to the Executive Board.
C. The chair of the Constitution \& Elections Committee shall introduce any proposed amendment to these Bylaws at the next general Council meeting.
D. Once introduced, the author(s) of the amendment shall have first rights to speak about the proposed amendment.

Section 3 - Approval of Amendment to the Bylaws:
A. If a proposed amendment receives a two-thirds vote of the Council members present, then it shall be considered approved, and shall be effective immediately.
B. A proposed amendment may not be voted on at the same meeting in which it was introduced, but may be voted on or be postponed for up to three (3) meetings.

1. After three (3) meetings, the proposed amendment must either come to a vote or be postponed indefinitely.
2. If a motion to indefinitely postpone a proposed amendment is introduced, then the motion must pass by a two-thirds vote of the Council members present to successfully postpone indefinitely.
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