RESOLVED: That the University Senate approves the attached amendment to the University Senate Bylaws and Rules of Procedure in order to bring the Bylaws into alignment with the University Senate Constitution.

RATIONALE: The power to interpret Senate actions and Senate approved documents was vested in Section 14.0 of the Senate Bylaws before the approval of 16-16/17-CBC – Resolution to Add Section 10.0 Interpretation to the Constitution of the University Senate. In this section, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee (CBC) is delegated the authority to develop interpretations and forward it to the Senate for consideration. This amendment would delete the redundant and conflicting interpretation language from the Senate Bylaws.

Proposed Revisions with Tracked Changes:

14.0 Interpretation of Senate Actions

Requests for interpretations of Senate actions or Senate-approved documents shall be forwarded to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. The Committee’s rulings shall be reported in writing to the Senate and shall be considered binding unless rejected by a two-thirds majority of the Senate.

15.0 Availability of Documents

Senate documents shall be available on the Senate Website and may be requested from the Senate Office. The agendas of Senate meetings shall be available to any member of the university community upon request. The agendas of the Senate Executive Committee shall likewise be available, but the attachments to the meetings of the Committee shall be available only to members of the Committee.

16.0 Amendments

Amendments to these Bylaws may be adopted at a regular business meeting of the Senate by a simple majority, provided the amendments have been presented at the previous regular meeting.