**Bylaws Committee – 10/7/19**

**Members Present:** George Kleeb, John Rice, Justine Stout, Laurie Walsh, Brian Zeisler

**Members Absent:** none

1. There was discussion of putting the faculty senate restructure discussion on hold until after the curricular review is complete. This will allow senate to respond to any organizational restructuring that may occur as a result of the curricular review. Additionally, it would allow for any changes in duties and hierarchy to be implemented before we start restructuring.
2. Discussion of compiling expectations, behaviors, and duties of faculty senate positions (chair, vice chair, container reps) and committees. We’d like to create a document or guide so that when positions and committees change each year the incoming members/committees know exactly what their goals and expectations are. This will also include a list of actionable items that can/should be brought from each committee to senate and follow up procedures for what happens after an approved item is moved forward from senate.
3. The committee agreed that compensation for faculty senate chair, whether they are teaching or administrative faculty, is a top priority and should be in the bylaws.
4. There was discussion of possibly reducing the number of committees in the senate. We’d like to evaluate the goals and purpose of each committee and focus on keeping committees that are expected to do work that benefits or involves faculty as a whole. We continued discussion on putting expected end dates on ad hoc committees.
5. We discussed reinstating or formalizing the practice of electing faculty reps for president’s council. This is already in the bylaws but has not been acted upon, particularly for admin faculty.
6. We discussed creating a bylaw that deals with container minimums, maximums, and combination or absorption due to low number of container members.
7. Continued discussion of appointing relevant faculty members to appropriate committees and creating approved voting containers for each committee.
8. Discussion of renaming “containers” to something more humanizing, academic, and neutral.
9. Continued discussion on renaming “department chairs”.
10. There was a suggestion of researching other faculty senate structures and bylaws around the state and at the system office.