

In accordance with Article VI of the *Constitution of the Faculty of Western Washington University*,* the WWU Faculty Senate has posted for campus review the following proposed amendment to the Bylaws of the Faculty Constitution. Revisions to Bylaw 7.3.4 were proposed in a motion from the Senate Executive Council and presented to the Faculty Senate on December 3, 2018. Members of the faculty and campus community are encouraged to review the document, and written comments may be sent to Faculty.Senate@wwu.edu before January 14th. For more information regarding the context of the proposed change, please see the [Abstract of the Faculty Senate Meeting of 3 December 2018](#).

* Article VI.4 Bylaws to this Constitution may be adopted, amended, or repealed by majority vote of the total voting membership of the Faculty Senate provided they are proposed in writing at one meeting of the Faculty Senate, are posted on the Faculty website and delivered to the faculty through an email; flyer; or publication in *FAST* as proposed, and are voted on at a subsequent regular meeting of the Faculty Senate. [2005]

In order to begin the process of establishing an independent graduate faculty governance organization equivalent and similar in structure to the faculty governance organizations that exist in each of the colleges, it is proposed that graduate faculty governance be transitioned away from ACC oversight by amending the ACC charge to relieve the ACC of its obligation to maintain the Graduate Council. During the transitional period, the Graduate Council would continue to report to the ACC while working to draft bylaws for the new organization. Once drafted, it is proposed that Graduate Faculty Bylaws be sent to all graduate faculty and posted for a comment period of no less than two weeks, following which the bylaws, with any agreed upon amendments, will be submitted for a vote of all graduate faculty.

Proposed amendment to Bylaw 7.3.4 – ACC Committees and Reportage:

BL7.3 Academic Coordinating Commission

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The ACC shall maintain the following standing committees: the Committee on Undergraduate Education, the Council on University Programs, ~~Graduate Council~~, and Honors Board. The memberships of these committees are approved by ACC, and membership requirements are published along with the charge in the ACC Handbook and on the Faculty Senate website.

Curricular Committees of the Colleges, including the Teacher Curriculum and Certification Council and the Western Libraries Curriculum Committee inform ACC of their memberships.

Standing Committees and College Curricular Committees shall forward their approved records of actions from their meetings to the ACC for review within three weeks. The ACC is empowered to create additional ad hoc or standing committees as necessary to effectively meet its charge.