

Proposal for Faculty Council from Barbara D'Ambrosia

When the Chair of Faculty Council receives a proposal between Council meetings that seems appropriate business for one of the standing committees of Faculty Council, (s)he may circulate the proposal among Faculty Council and request an e-mail vote to send the proposal to the designated committee. If three or more council members request a discussion of the proposal before sending it to committee, any such e-mail vote will be suspended until the next Faculty Council meeting.

Background and Rationale

Faculty Council committees cannot “officially” study a proposal that is brought to them unless directed to do so by Faculty Council. Because Faculty Council meets only once each month, waiting until the next Council meeting to send a proposal to committee can significantly delay the process of eventually bringing the proposal to a faculty vote. Also, dispensing with non-controversial items via e-mail frees time at Faculty Council meetings for more substantive discussions.