

To Faculty Colleagues:

From the Governance Review Committee:

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Attached please find the 4-24-08 version of the “Journalism School Committees” document. You are receiving this today (4-25-08) in compliance with the current School Bylaws, which state in Article V Procedure in Section 6 Amendment:

“The voting members may amend the School Governance structure at a regular or special meeting...Notice of such a meeting, including a copy of the proposed amendment together with such explanatory materials as may be proper, must be distributed to each voting member at least 10 days before the meeting.”

Your Governance Review Committee would like to move the attached for adoption at the faculty meeting scheduled for Stop Day, May 9. In the attached document, the “rationale” *statements (in italics)* will not be a part of the final document recommended for adoption. They are provided to explain the reasoning behind the recommendation.

Recent Revisions:

In a meeting on 4-24, the committee unanimously approved the attached document, which has changed from the “first reading” (presented at the April 11 faculty meeting) as follows:

Page 1:

#4 Leadership: *Addition of the last sentence: “The chair may invite advisers to consult with the committee as needed.”*

Page 3:

Omits Ex Officio members from the three committees governed by full faculty oversight (Curriculum, Graduate and Technology.)

Page 5:

Addition of the last line: “Ex Officio members are non-voting.”

Original Charge:

The Governance Review Committee was charged last October (2007) to review the School’s bylaws, which were revised approximately 10 years ago and amended several times since. The committee found that instead of updating the revisions, a more thorough review was needed to:

- Move procedural issues into a document separate from the bylaws.
- Separate issues of structure (committee size, leadership, etc.) from responsibilities – what each committee actually does (permanently and temporarily, e.g. for one year).
- Clarify that the “full faculty” (e.g. all voting faculty members) has oversight over the Curriculum, Graduate and Technology Committees, but not the Scholarship, Undergraduate Admissions and Promotion & Tenure Committees.

The document you have here represents seven months’ work by the six of us on the committee. We are grateful to Mary Wallace, whose careful record-keeping, tireless patience and unflinching dedication have kept us on track and moving ahead.

Robert R. Basow