

Motion to Rename the Secretary Position within the Faculty Senate

Whereas language is complex and dynamic and reflects both the values and conventions of the time period in which it's used;

Whereas the titles and responsibilities of the officers of the Faculty Senate are based on parliamentary tradition and the guidelines established by *Robert's Rules of Order* in the 19th century;

Whereas the term *secretary* may have an outdated, negative connotation in contemporary society and may thus discourage interest in this elected position; and

Whereas the Senate is a body committed to careful, precise, accurate language use;

Be it therefore resolved that the title *Communications Director* officially replace *Secretary* and that Articles III and IV of the Senate's Bylaws be amended to codify this change.

Be it further resolved that the Bylaws be amended to extend the term limit for the Communications Director to a maximum of six years.

Since this motion seeks a change in the bylaws, a two-thirds vote is required.