Amendments to the "Bylaws of the University Governance Association"

The following amendments have the force of shifting the authority to initiative amendments to the bylaws of the Governance Association from the Assembly, as presently written, to the constituent representative organizations, the Faculty Senate, the Staff Senate and the Student Government Association. Below, please find the two relevant sections with both present text and amended text. The latter is in bold:

Article I, Section 3: Responsibilities

The Governance Association shall have such responsibilities as may hereafter be delegated to it by the President of the University or by the Board of Regents, and shall have the power to enact, amend, and repeal its own bylaws for its internal functioning through a meeting of the Assembly at which time bylaw action can take place.

Article III, Section 5: Amending Bylaws

The bylaws of the University Governance Association shall be amended after a reading of the amendment at a meeting of the Assembly, through subsequent ratification by written/electronic ballot within 45 days from each of the three constituencies (faculty, staff, and students) of the Assembly. Each of the three constituencies must be separately polled, with a simple majority of those voting determining the outcome for each constituency. All three constituencies must approve the amendment before it can take effect. The Association Coordinating Committee shall certify the adoption or failure of all proposed amendments.

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Section 5: Amending Bylaws

The bylaws of the University Governance Association shall be amended by a majority vote of all three constituencies of the University community: students, staff and faculty. By law amendments must originate in any one of the three representative organizations and upon receiving a simple majority vote pass on to the other two respective bodies for their consideration and action. A bylaw amendment is passed on to the respective constituencies only if all three representative organizations approve the amendment with a simple majority vote. At this point, each of the three constituencies must be separately polled, with a simple majority of those voting determining the outcome for each constituency. All three constituencies must approve the amendment before it can take effect. The Association Coordinating Committee shall certify the adoption or failure of all proposed amendments.