Amendment to Faculty Senate Bylaws

**Purpose:** Integrate UTHSCSA Committee on Committees into the Faculty Senate’s Standing Committee Structure

**Rationale:**

- The Faculty Senate represents the overarching faculty governance body at the UT Health Science Center and its mission is to provide representation of the University Faculty so as to ensure that every member of the faculty has a voice regarding issues that may affect his or her rights, privileges, responsibilities and welfare as regarding the teaching, research, and clinical programs and services.

- The UTHSCSA Committee on Committees (CoC) has an integral role in faculty governance because it recommends faculty for appointment to the institutional standing committees, which directly impact every member of the faculty. Therefore, it is fitting to bring this faculty governance role into the auspices of the Faculty Senate and integrate the CoC into the Faculty Senate's committee structure.

- In addition, both Faculty Senators and CoC members are elected by full-time faculty (tenure and non-tenure tracks) within their respective school. So, these representatives are currently elected by the same bodies.
Amendment to Article 5 – Addition of Section 8:
Section 8: Institutional Committee Appointments Committee

The Institutional Committee Appointments Committee is charged to:

a) Identify qualified members of the UTHSCSA faculty and staff for purposes of recommending their appointment to standing institutional committees for which there are vacancies. Recommendations for appointment to standing institutional committees are made, in consultation with the Chair of the Senate and members of the Senate Executive Committee, to the President of the UTHSCSA.

b) Review existing standing institutional committees so that appropriate recommendations can be made to the UTHSCSA President with regard to changes, additions, or deletions affecting the role, scope, and structure of those committees.

This committee will have 10 members. Membership will consist of 5 Senators who are selected as described in Article 5, Section 2a and 5 members drawn from the Faculty-at-Large (non-members of the Senate) with one member from each School. The Chair of the Senate will solicit nominations from the Faculty Assembly of each School for the non-Senate member of this committee and will coincide with the notification to replace outgoing Senators (Article 3, Section 6). The term of membership is three years and will be staggered.
If the amendment is approved, the following changes to the Bylaws will need to be made:

1. Article 4. Committee and Committee Structure, Section 2d, 2nd paragraph. Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate
   The Senate Executive Committee is responsible for distribution of topics for consideration by each of the four five Standing Committees each year.

2. Article 5. Committee and Committee Structure, Section 2. Standing Committees
   There are four five Standing Committees of the Senate: Academic Affairs, Scholarly Activities and Faculty Service, Faculty Governance, Faculty Status and Welfare, and Institutional Committee Appointments.

3. Article 5. Committee and Committee Structure, Section 9. Ad Hoc Committees