Resolutions 2015-5 & 2015-8 include revised new language as discussed at 10.1.14 SS general meeting

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Mason Staff Senate

Resolution 2015-2

Presented October 1, 2014

To Be Voted on November 5, 2014

*Constitutional Change*

**Original Language**

Article II; MEMBERSHIP; Item C:

The 28 senate seats will be divided between four locations: Fairfax, Prince William, Arlington and At-large.

**New Language:**

Article II; MEMBERSHIP; Item C:

The senate seats will be divided between four locations: Fairfax, Prince William, Arlington and At-large.

**Reasoning:**

Article II; Membership; Item B of the Constitution allows for the possibility of more than 28 seats on the Staff Senate. New language eliminates potential conflict between Item B and Item C.

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Resolution 2015-3

Presented October 1, 2014

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*Constitutional Change*

**Original Language**

Article II; MEMBERSHIP; Item E:

The total number of seats may be increased by a majority vote of the Staff Senate for a period of one-year.

**New Language:**

Delete item.

**Reasoning:**

Aligns Staff Senate Constitution with actual practices. Item not necessary and places unnecessary restrictions on Staff Senate operations.

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Resolution 2015-4

Presented October 1, 2014

To Be Voted on November 5, 2014

*Constitutional Change*

**Original Language**

Article IV; OFFICERS; Item B:

The Executive Committee will be elected to a two-year term by majority vote of the Staff Senate membership at the last meeting of the academic year.

**New Language:**

Article IV; OFFICERS; Item B:

The chair, vice chair, parliamentarian and treasurer will be elected to a two-year term by majority vote of the Staff Senate membership at the last meeting of the academic year.

**Reasoning:**

Aligns Staff Senate Constitution with actual practices. Resolution 2015-1 changed executive committee to include standing committee chairs. Chairs are not elected; therefore, statement is not accurate.

New Language Revised: 10.2.14

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Mason Staff Senate

Resolution 2015-5

Presented October 1, 2014

To Be Voted on November 5, 2014

*Bylaws Change*

**Original Language**

Article I; OFFICER RESPONSIBIITIES; ITEM A, 4:

Serve as liaison to the Faculty Senate

**New Language:**

Article I; OFFICER RESPONSIBIITIES; ITEM A, 4:

Serve as liaison to organizations within and outside of the Mason community as outlined in Article I of the Senate bylaws, in agreement with Staff Senate Vice Chair.

**Reasoning:**

Aligns Staff Senate Bylaws with actual practices. Change will allow flexibility between Chair and Vice Chair to suit individual strengths and interests.

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Mason Staff Senate

Resolution 2015-6

Presented October 1, 2014

To Be Voted on November 5, 2014

*Bylaws Change*

**Original Language**

Article I; OFFICER RESPONSIBIITIES; ITEM B, 4:

Serve as liaison to the Faculty Senate

**New Language:**

Article I; OFFICER RESPONSIBIITIES; ITEM B, 4:

Serve as liaison to either Faculty Senate or Student Government, in agreement with Staff Senate Chair.

**Reasoning:**

Aligns Staff Senate Bylaws with actual practices. Change will allow flexibility between Chair and Vice Chair to suit individual strengths and interests.

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Mason Staff Senate

Resolution 2015-7

Presented October 1, 2014

To Be Voted on November 5, 2014

*Bylaws Change*

**Original Language**

ARTICLE II; ELECTIONS; ITEM B, 2:

The ballot will be closed at 5:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of July.

**New Language:**

ARTICLE II; ELECTIONS; ITEM B, 2:

Voting will be open a minimum of two weeks and a maximum of three weeks.

**Reasoning:**

Allows flexibility Staff Senate practices. Indicating a specific date imposes unnecessary restriction on Staff Senate operations.

New Language Revised: 10.2.14

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Mason Staff Senate

Resolution 2015-8

Presented October 1, 2014

To Be Voted on November 5, 2014

*Bylaws Change*

**Original Language**

ARTICLE III; COMMITTEES; ITEM A, 3:

With the exception of the Executive Committee, committees will be balanced with approximately one-third of the senators serving on each committee.

**New Language:**

ARTICLE III; COMMITTEES; ITEM A, 3:

Committees will be staffed by senators according to the needs of each committee and upon the recommendation of chair and executive committee.

**Reasoning:**

Allows for flexibility in Staff Senate practices. Revision enables Staff Senate to align with committee needs more closely.

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Mason Staff Senate

Resolution 2015-9

Presented October 1, 2014

To Be Voted on November 5, 2014

*Bylaws Change*

**Original Language**

ARTICLE III; COMMITTEES; ITEM B, 1:

1. Senators must serve on at least one standing committee and will have an opportunity to request or change his/her assignment to a particular committee prior to the July Executive Committee meeting.

**New Language:**

ARTICLE III; COMMITTEES; ITEM B, 1:

1. With exception of chair, Senators must serve on at least one standing committee. Senators will have the opportunity to request or change his/her assignment to a particular committee prior to the July Executive Committee meeting.

**Reasoning:**

Added language will align with actual practices of Staff Senate.

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Mason Staff Senate

Resolution 2015-10

Presented October 1, 2014

To Be Voted on November 5, 2014

*Bylaws Change*

**Original Language**

ARTICLE IV; MEETINGS; ITEM A, 1:

The first meeting of the senate membership will take place in conjunction with the start of the academic year, usually in August. The meeting will be held on each campus, on a rotating basis, and senators will attend in person. The meeting shall have networking and goal-setting components. This meeting will be held in closed-session.

**New Language:**

ARTICLE IV; MEETINGS; ITEM A, 1:

The first meeting of the senate membership will take place in conjunction with the start of the academic year, usually in August. The meeting shall have networking and goal-setting components. This meeting will be held in closed-session.

**Reasoning:**

Allows for flexibility in Staff Senate meeting planning. Eliminating requirement that the first meeting of each year be held on each campus on a rotating basis will allow Staff Senate to accommodate schedules of guest speakers.

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Mason Staff Senate

Resolution 2015-11

Presented October 1, 2014

To Be Voted on November 5, 2014

*Bylaws Change*

**Original Language**

ARTICLE IV; MEETINGS; ITEM D, 2:

Agendas will be put together in the following manner:

* + 1. Call to Order
    2. Announcements: For any senate-related or general announcements to the group
    3. Old Business: Unfinished action items & minute approval
    4. New Business: New action items or resolutions to be brought before the Staff Senate (i.e. creation of a working group or request for additional budget funds)
    5. Roundtable: Items that should be considered for a future agenda.
    6. Constituents Time
    7. Guest Speaker
    8. Adjournment

**New Language:**

ARTICLE IV; MEETINGS; ITEM D, 2:

Agendas will include at least the following items

* + 1. Guest Speakers
    2. Old Business
    3. New Business
    4. Roundtable

**Reasoning:**

Allows flexibility in Staff Senate meeting planning and reflects actual practices in general meeting planning.