Proposed Amendments to University Senate Code and USRR
For University Senate November 5 Meeting

Approved by SenEx: September 29, 2015
Deleted language shown in strikethrough and added language shown in highlighted bold.

University Senate Rules and Regulations (USRR) Amendments:

Agenda item: V (SenEx has recommended to deny)
USRR Article VI, Section 8
Rationale: The Governance Office found that after the Judicial Board procedures were reformed the suggested annotated version was never created. This has caused confusion and inconvenience for those seeking the annotations. It was suggested that this section be removed.

USRR Article VI. Procedures for Conflict Resolution
Section 8. Other Powers and Responsibilities of Judicial Board Chair

6.8.3 Annotation Interpretations of University Senate Code and Rules and Regulations
6.8.3.1 Compilation. The Judicial Board Chair shall compile an annotated version of the University Senate Code, the University Senate Rules and Regulations, and other provisions applicable in disputes arising under these procedures. The annotated version of applicable provisions shall include brief statements of all Judicial Board decisions interpreting a provision. These statements shall identify the provision in question, the interpretive issue, the resolution of the issue by the hearing or appeal panel in question, and the date of the decision, but should not include information about the parties or details of the matter in dispute.

6.8.3.2 Availability. A copy of the annotated version of the University Senate Code and the University Senate Rules and Regulations shall be maintained in the office of the Judicial Board and provided to the Office of the University General Counsel, as well as any unit or specialized tribunal that requests a copy. The annotation(s) respecting any provision shall be available upon request to any interested person. When the application of a provision that has been subject to a prior interpretation is at issue in any matter pending before the Judicial Board, the Judicial Board Chair shall provide copies of the pertinent annotation(s) to the parties and the members of the panel who will be deciding the case. Members of a unit level hearing panel or specialized tribunal may inquire of the Judicial Board Chair whether prior interpretations of relevant provisions exist, and the Judicial Board Chair shall provide copies of the annotation(s) reflecting any such interpretation.

6.8.3.3 Effect.
Prior interpretations are not binding on subsequent decision makers, but decision makers should bear in mind that inconsistent interpretation of applicable provisions undermines the fairness and predictability of the dispute resolution process. In the event that inconsistent interpretations arise, the Judicial Board Chair shall inform the University Senate Executive Committee of the inconsistency and recommend changes in the applicable provision to clarify its meaning.

Agenda Item: VI.
USRR Article VI, Section 9
Rationale: After meeting with Nicholas Birdsong, Court of Parking Appeals, the following USRR change was recommended (Fall2014.) This will make Article VI, Section 9 consistent with amendment 11 of the University of Kansas Court of Parking Appeals Rules of Practice and Procedure:

“All amendments to these Rules shall be made at the discretion of the Chief Justice with the advice and consent of the Officers. Pursuant to University Senate Rules and Regulations 6.9.1, amendments to the Court’s procedures shall take effect 30 days after submission of the proposed amendments to the chairperson of the Judicial Board, unless returned by the chairperson for correction or modification. Subsequent to any modification under this section, the Chief Justice shall be responsible for ensuring that these Rules are promptly updated in the KU Policy Library.”

USRR Article VI. Procedures for Conflict Resolution
Section 9. Procedures of the Court of Parking Appeals
Copies of the procedures shall be supplied to the offices of University Governance, Provost, General Counsel, and Dean of the Law School, and to others upon request. The Chief Justice shall be responsible for promptly placing the procedures in the KU Policy Library.

University Senate Code Amendments:

**Agenda Item: VII**

**Article X, Section 2 (ACEC)**

**Rationale:** Previous FacEx members felt that because ACEC reports to SenEx (which includes faculty) requiring a Faculty Senate member on the committee was redundant and that choosing the fifth faculty member from the faculty at large would offer a larger pool of candidates to choose from.

**Article X. Standing Committees of the University Senate**

**Section 2. Membership**

The Committee on Academic Computing and Electronic Communication shall be composed of four ten voting members: five faculty members, one of whom shall be from the Libraries, serving staggered three-year terms, one faculty member of the Faculty Senate appointed for a one-year term, three representatives from the staff serving staggered three-year terms, and two students, an one undergraduate and a one graduate student each serving one-year terms, appointed by the student body president...

**Agenda Item: VIII**

**Article X, Section 2 (AP&P)**

**Rationale:** The FY-15 AP&P committee recommended that the Director of Student Academic Services of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences be added as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the AP&P committee.

**Article X. Standing Committees of the University Senate**

**Section 2. Membership**

The Committee on Academic Policies and Procedures shall be composed of seven faculty serving staggered three-year terms, three representatives from the staff serving staggered three-year terms, and three students serving one-year terms. A representative of the Undergraduate Advising Executive Committee (UAEC), appointed by that group, and the University Registrar, and the Director of Student Academic Services in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, shall serve as ex-officio, non-voting members.

**Agenda item IX**

**Article X, Section 2 (Libraries), Article XI, Section 2 (Parking Commissions), and Article XI, Section 4 (Judicial Board)**

**Rationale for the following three amendments:** The practice has been that each body contacts and appoints their own members. The names of the staff and students (and faculty for parking) are then given to the provost. The provost sends letters of service to both the appointee coping his/her supervisor.

**Article X. Standing Committees of the University Senate**

**Section 2. Membership**

The University Committee on Libraries shall be composed of...In addition, there shall be four student members serving one-year terms and two staff members appointed by the Provost their respective governance bodies and serving staggered three year terms. These appointments are endorsed by the Provost via a letter of service to the appointee and his/her supervisor...

**Agenda item: X**

**Article XI University Commissions, Boards, and Other Committees**

**Section 2. The Parking Commission**
Voting members. The Provost shall appoint the voting members from lists of persons recommended by the groups named: Three members of the student body including a member of the University Transit Commission and a representative of AbleHawks recommended appointed by the Student Senate Executive Committee; three members of the faculty, one of whom may be an emeritus faculty member, recommended appointed by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee; four staff recommended appointed by the Staff Senate. These appointments are endorsed by the Provost via a letter of service to the appointee and his/her supervisor.

Agenda item XI.

Article XI University Commissions, Boards, and Other Committees

Section 4. Judicial Board

The Judicial Board shall be composed of:

III. three members of the unclassified professional staff (as defined in Part II. E of the Handbook for Faculty and Other Unclassified Staff), appointed by the Provost, for three-year overlapping terms, appointed by their respective governance bodies, for three year staggered terms. These appointments are endorsed by the Provost via a letter of service to the appointee and his/her supervisor.

IV. two members of the university support staff, appointed by the Provost, for three-year overlapping terms, their respective governance bodies, for three year staggered terms. These appointments are endorsed by the Provost via a letter of service.

V. three administrators, at least one of whom shall have faculty status, appointed by the Provost for three-year overlapping terms. For purposes of this provision, administrators are those persons assigned half-time or less to teaching duties…