

Digest of Changes to the Faculty Handbook: Section 1 (Constitution)

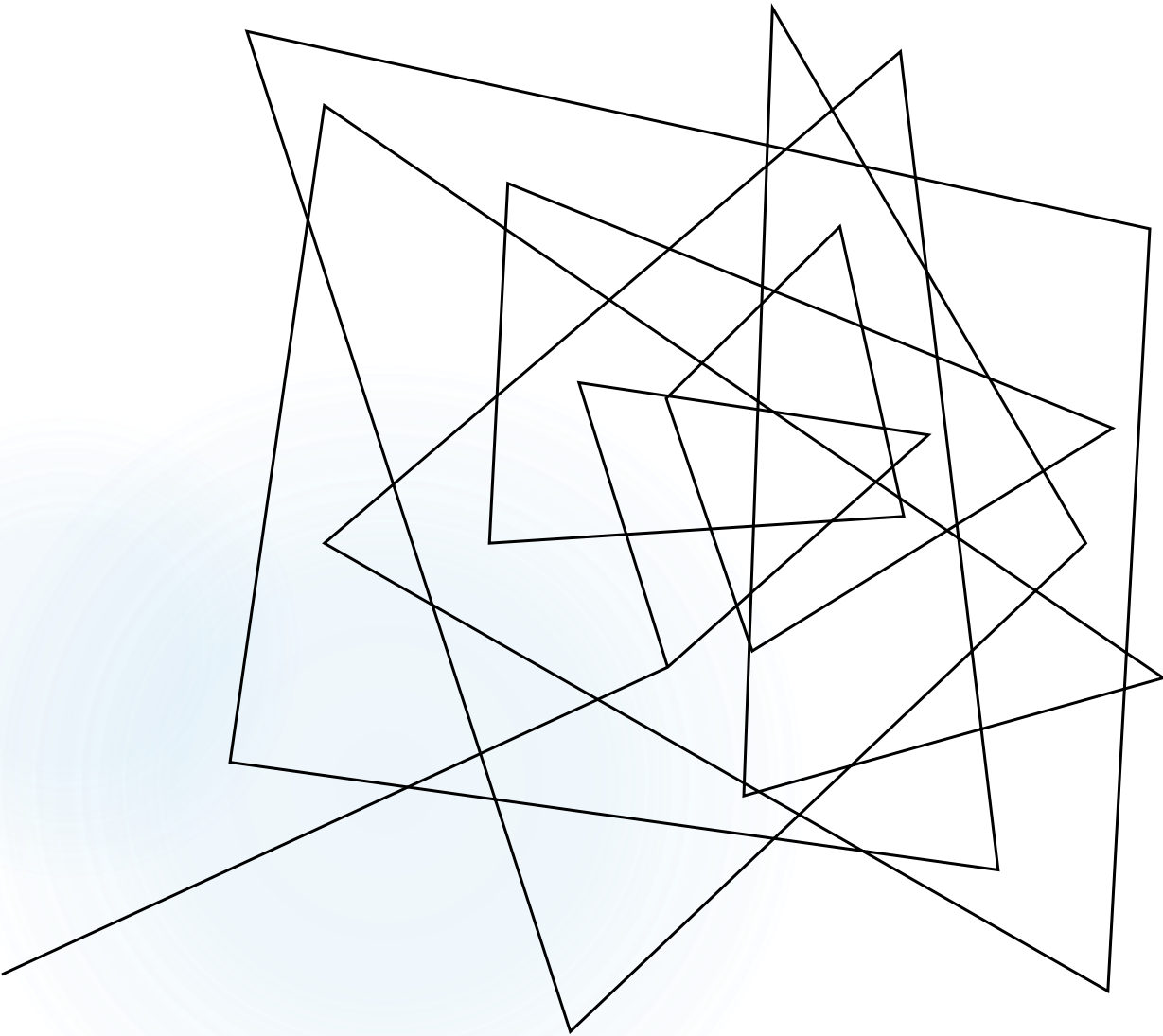
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Proposed Revision

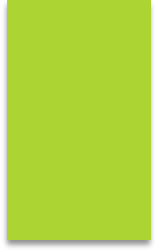
- ▶ Combine into one handbook, deleting all but three appendices, referring to policies that exist elsewhere
 - Preface: Based on Current Handbook – Passed Faculty Senate on 02/26/24
 - Section 1: Constitution & Bylaws of Faculty Senate & Senate Standing Committees
 - Section 2: Statement on Academic Freedom
 - Section 3: Code of Faculty Ethics



Current Step:
Section 1 -
Constitution



Substantive Changes To Constitution



Article Three: Faculty Senate

3.1

- ▶ Adds collaboration with other campus units on budgeting, planning, and policy

3.2 – Membership

- ▶ Clarifies that voting members of Senate are those faculty elected by colleges
- ▶ Lists non-voting members and adds AS representative to this list
- ▶ Clarifies that chairs of standing committees are not (necessarily) Faculty Senate members

3.3 – Terms of Office

- ▶ Adds that Senate approves Committee rosters
- ▶ Adds that Senate vacancies that may arise during the year can be filled by a vote of Exec Council rather than full Senate, upon referral of names from college governance bodies

Article Four: Officers of the Faculty Senate

4.2 – Primary Duties and Terms of Office

- ▶ Primary duties language replaces sections 4.6 – 4.9 (details/duties will be in bylaws)

4.3 – Election

- ▶ Adds language stipulating use of secret ballot whenever there are multiple nominees for a position

Article Five: Faculty Senate Executive Council

5.1 – Membership

- ▶ Clarifies voting/not voting status, moving Faculty Legislative Rep to non-voting to be consistent with Budget Rep/Deputy Budget Rep
- ▶ Only voting Executive Council members are Senate officers
- ▶ Adds UFWW president as non-voting member (not listed in current)

5.3 – Duties

- ▶ Updates to current practices

5.7 – Actions

- ▶ Requires four of the five voting members present for quorum

5.8 – Schedule

- ▶ Adds that Senate Exec meets regularly on alternating Mondays.

Article Six: Amendments

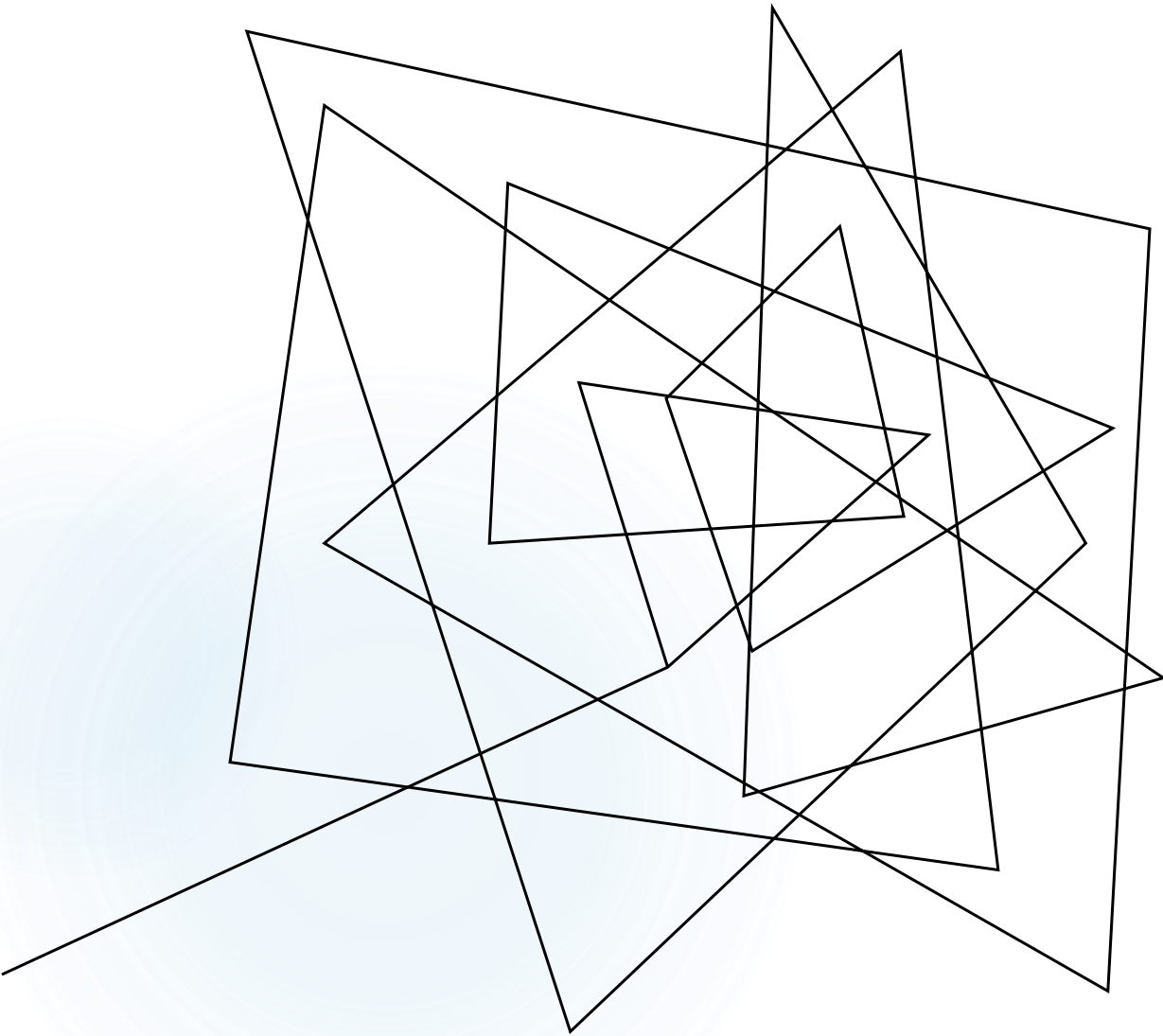
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- ▶ Creates a 2/3 threshold for approving Constitutional amendments
- ▶ Removes reference to Board of Trustees role on amendments (BOT consulted and approves language)

Article Seven: Ratification

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- ▶ Creates a 2/3 threshold for ratification
- ▶ Removes reference to Board of Trustees role on ratification (BOT consulted and approves language)



Discussion and Next Steps

Original Handbook and Proposed Preface
available at:

[April 8, 2024 Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda](#)
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