

Revisions to the UNLV Bylaws

Section 4.4 Faculty Bylaws

New : Section 4.4.4 Approval of College, Department or Unit Bylaws. Any provision of college, department, or unit bylaws not consistent with the UNLV bylaws, and/or the UCCSN Code, is invalid. All college, department, and unit bylaws are subject to approval by the president.

New : Section 4.4.5 Suspension of College, Department, or Unit Bylaws. Upon the recommendation of the College Dean and the Provost, the president may, in extraordinary circumstances, suspend college, department, or unit bylaws, and place the affected unit in receivership, subject to sections (a) through (f) below.

- (a) Prior to suspension, the president shall meet with the executive committee of the Faculty Senate, and inform them of the reasons for the suspension, the form of governance that will be used during the suspension, the requirements for return of normal faculty governance, and the expected length of the suspension;
- (b) The president shall notify the affected faculty of the suspension, and provide them a summary of the information given to the Faculty Senate that protects the confidentiality of the affected individuals;
- (c) Governance of the affected department shall be conducted in a manner that ensures equal treatment of all faculty; and recognizes that Chapter 2 of the UCCSN Code, Academic Freedom and Responsibility, remains in force. Where possible, a tenured faculty member from another college should be assigned to observe the governance of the suspended unit;
- (d) Suspension shall be for a period of one academic year, renewable as deemed necessary by the president. At the end of each academic year, the Campus Affairs committee of the Faculty Senate shall evaluate the progress of the department relative to the suspension, report to the president on the state of the department, and recommend whether or not suspension should be renewed. The president shall consult with the executive committee of the Faculty Senate prior to renewing a suspension;
- (e) The college, department or unit shall continue to be governed by the UNLV Bylaws and the UCCSN Code. However, the placing of the department in receivership shall not itself constitute a grievable act, provided sections (a) through (d) are followed;
- (f) The Faculty Senate may, by vote of its members, request that the proposed renewal of a suspension for a fourth year be placed as an agenda item before the Board of Regents.