### DISPOSITION OF BUSINESS IN THE FACULTY SENATE

Originates in Committee (Senate or College) (or from a Senate member)

ROUTINE DISPOSITION 1. Distribution to Senate Electronic distribution via website

Feedback & consultation

3-step process

2. Presentation to Senate 10-min. presentation (with Q & A)

 $\downarrow$  1 month

Senate Executive Committee, in consultation with committee chairs, schedules item for action when ready

3. Senate Action Formal motion and vote

Senate Reviews proceed in parallel, with written report to Senate and others at least 1 month prior to action

#### THREE TYPES OF SENATE ACTION

Originated inside the Senate

**Originated outside of the Senate** 

## Approve

## Adopt

# **Endorse**

- · Letter or memo from Senate
- Senate Handbook
- · Amendment to Senate Bylaws
- · Resolution prepared by Senate committee or member
- Resolution adopted by BOR
- Proposal to Administration from college AAC for a new program

- Senate assumes ownership
- Proposal has no standing without Senate action
- Senate supports, but originator retains ownership
- · Proposal has standing regardless of Senate action

#### Senate votes as scheduled

If vote is negative, proposal returns to originator, with explanation

### SIX OPTIONS FOR NON-ROUTINE DISPOSITION in order of precedence (1 is highest)

#### **SITUATION**

The Senate feels that proposal is ill-advised, now and probably in the future as well

> Document or motion needs minor adjustment to secure a majority vote, but the Senate can come to decision within the time allocated

Major modifications, additional research, or more thorough analyses are needed before Senate will be able to render a decision

Senate needs additional time outside of meeting to consult w/constituents or others, but can then probably reach a decision at a later session

#### 6. Postpone indefinitely

- 5. Amend document (approve/adopt)
- motion for endorsement
  - 4. Refer to Committee (originator or other)
  - 3. Postpone Discussion

**OUTCOME** 

Motion dies without a vote

If amendment is approved, main motion is voted on as amended

Committee reports back and returns item to agenda as directed

to next session

Discussion scheduled and re-entered at subsequent session

#### Motions below are not debatable (i.e., must be voted on immediately)

Senate merely needs a bit more time, and may need to make a minor change, but can come to a decision at the current session

A main motion may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before final action is reached, provided no one objects

2. Extend Discussion at current session

1. Withdraw a motion

Extends discussion beyond scheduled time, but possibly at the expense of other agenda items

If an objection to withdrawal is made, leave to withdraw may be granted by a adoption of a motion to withdraw the main motion