Change to Standing Committee Bylaws

The Academic Staff Committee asks that the Senate approve a change in the by-laws of the standing committees of the Academic Staff to modify language related to filling vacancies that take place after an election. Current language is somewhat complex and generally requires that such vacancies be re-opened at the next election, regardless of the time of year or whether those individuals who have agreed to serve for the balance of the current year have had an opportunity to put themselves on the ballot for the upcoming election. The change recommended by the Academic Staff Committee would remove existing language regarding this process and replace it with:

“Any committee member filling a vacancy will serve out the balance of the term associated with that vacancy.”

The Codification Committee will be charged with amending the various committee bylaws and will bring a finished product back to the Senate for final approval.