Proposed amendment to the By-Laws

By-Law III of the Faculty Senate provides for alternates for Senators who must miss four to nine consecutive Senate meetings. The By-Law currently calls for an election to be held to choose the alternate. However, should a Senator resign, the vacancy would be filled by election only in the case of a departmental Senator; an at-large position would be filled by the person with the next highest number of votes in the at-large election of the college in which the vacancy occurred (Article IIIC4 of the Constitution). Thus it is more difficult to replace an at-large Senator temporarily than permanently. The BAE Committee therefore recommends the following amendment to By-Law III:

BY-LAW III. Alternates. A Senator requesting a replacement may petition the By-Laws, Amendments, and Elections Committee for temporary alternate to serve for a period of no fewer than four (4) regularly scheduled consecutive Senate meetings nor more than nine (9) such meetings. If the petition is approved, the temporary vacancy will be filled in the same manner as a permanent one, in accordance with Article III C 4 of the Constitution.