

ARTICLE XIII: AMENDMENTS, INTERPRETATIONS, AND VIOLATIONS OF THE  
ACADEMIC CHARTER

SECTION A: EDITORIAL CHANGES

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Editorial changes in the Charter (*A, B-I, B-II, B-III and Appendices*) are changes in words or phrases that do not alter the meaning or intent of the sentence, paragraph, or section of the Charter.

1. Editorial changes to this Charter may be submitted by any three members of the University faculty to the Committee on Amendments and Bylaws, which shall process them in accordance with *IV.F.7.* or may be initiated by the Committee on Amendments and Bylaws.
2. Following majority approval by the SEC, editorial changes, with explanations, shall be placed in the minutes of the SEC.
3. Editorial changes may be challenged within fifteen class days of publication of the action by a petition for review signed by not fewer than ten of the faculty and presented to the Secretary of the Faculty Senate for submission to the Senate. If so challenged, an editorial change requires affirmation by two-thirds of the Senate members voting. In the absence of Faculty objection, editorial changes shall be effective fifteen class days after they have been published to the entire faculty by mail.
4. The proposed editorial changes to this Charter shall then be forwarded to the President for review and communication to the Board of Trustees for adoption.

SECTION B: AMENDMENTS TO THE ACADEMIC CHARTER

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1. Proposed amendments to this Charter (*A B-I, B-II, B-III, and Appendices*) shall be submitted by any three members of the University faculty to the Committee on Amendments and Bylaws, which shall process them in accordance with *IV.F.7.b*).
2. Those amendments to the charter in *Part A* and the *Appendices* that are approved by a two-thirds vote of the total membership of the Faculty Senate shall be forwarded to the President, who shall forward any Senate-approved amendment that is not overturned in a faculty referendum to the Board of Trustees, together with a statement indicating Presidential support or nonsupport. *IV.C. and D.* The total membership of the Faculty Senate is defined to include those senators who have been duly elected or appointed, are qualified to serve and are serving.
3. Those amendments to the charter in *Parts B-I, B-II, or B-III* that are approved by a two-thirds vote of those Senators present and legally entitled to vote, excluding blanks or abstentions shall be forwarded to the President, who shall forward any Senate-approved amendment that is not overturned in a faculty referendum to the Board of Trustees, together with a statement indicating presidential support or non-support.
4. Notice of Senate action on proposed amendments shall be sent by the Secretary of the Faculty Senate to all members of the University faculty within ten class days after the Senate meeting, and shall be subject to the Faculty Right to Review Senate action as provided in *IV.C.4.*
5. If a faculty referendum is called regarding a Charter amendment, a "yes" vote of a majority of the faculty members voting is required to approve the amendment. If this vote results in the passage of an amendment, the Secretary of the Faculty Senate shall forward it to the President of the University, who shall submit it to the Board of Trustees with a statement indicating Presidential support or nonsupport.

SECTION C: INTERPRETATIONS OF THE CHARTER

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A written request for interpretation of this Charter shall be brought directly to the Chair of the Senate by any council, committee, office, or individual member of the University Community. The Chair of the senate shall provide a copy of the written request to the Provost/VPAA. A request for interpretation shall be discussed by the SEC in consultation with the President. An opinion as to the proper interpretation, based on a majority vote of the President and the members of the SEC, shall prevail. The opinion so rendered shall be transmitted by the Secretary of the Faculty Senate to the person(s) making the request, to the Provost/VPAA, and to the Committee on Amendments and Bylaws, which shall take appropriate action in amending the Charter and/or communicating such interpretation to the Faculty Senate and/or the faculty.

SECTION D: VIOLATIONS OF THE CHARTER

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Alleged violations of the Charter shall be brought to the Chair of the Senate by any council, committee, office, or individual member of the University Community. The chair of the senate shall provide a written copy of the alleged violation to the Provost/VPAA. Such alleged violations shall be reviewed by the SEC in consultation with the President. An opinion as to whether or not a violation has occurred shall be transmitted both to the person(s) alleging the violation and to the person(s) allegedly violating the Charter. When it has been determined that a violation has occurred, the appropriate action to be taken in order to achieve compliance with the Charter shall be designated by the SEC and the President and transmitted by the Secretary of the Faculty Senate to the person(s) violating the Charter, and to the Provost/VPAA.

SECTION E: CHARTER REVISION

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Whenever the SEC deems it desirable to revise the Charter, it shall establish the procedures to include the following:

1. the formation of an ad hoc Charter revision Committee;
2. the holding of University hearings;
3. a vote of the Faculty Senate requiring a two-thirds vote of the total membership is required in favor of the revised Charter; and
4. a Faculty vote requiring a majority vote of those voting in favor of adopting the revised charter.

Once the revised Charter is approved by the Faculty, it is then forwarded to the President for transmittal to the Board of Trustees for action.