



## Faculty Senate

### **A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE BYLAWS OF THE FACULTY SENATE (20/11)**

**WHEREAS**, the schedule for Senate meetings should provide more predictability to Faculty Senators who need to balance multiple academic and professional commitments;

**WHEREAS**, Faculty Senators may have family responsibilities on a late Friday afternoon; and

**WHEREAS**, open-ended Senate meetings can be onerous for the numerous University staff that serve Senate meetings;

**WHEREAS**, there have been instances when the Senate has lost the required quorum as defined in the Faculty Organization Plan during long meetings, prohibiting votes by the Senate;

**NOW, THEREFORE**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FACULTY SENATE OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**

1. That Section 2 of the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate be amended by adding as paragraph (g):

"The Senate should normally convene at 2pm and adjourn at 4:30pm. A motion to adjourn, if offered, shall require a majority vote as usual. It is the sense of the Senate that members should have a reasonable advance expectation of the latest time that a Senate meeting will adjourn so that members can plan other activities. Members should keep the time of the day in mind in framing their remarks."

2. That Section 2(d) of the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate be amended by striking the current text and inserting the following: "The Agenda for a regular meeting shall be available to members in writing on the Senate's website, and a link to that Agenda shall be sent to all members on or before the seventh day before the meeting day."

Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate  
February 28, 2020

Amended by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee  
March 27, 2020

Adopted by the Faculty Senate  
April 3, 2020