

*Rationale for motion to strike Part 2a from the 'Senate Internal Procedure for the Consideration of Motions – First & Second Readings'*

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee is seeking to reduce the amount of time that it takes for implementation of new university policies and the creation of innovative academic programs. Faculty Senate has two standing committees dedicated to reviewing policies and academic programs, the Academic Policies Committee (APC) and the Academic Programs and Planning Committee (APP), respectively. Our current process requires both committees to provide thorough review of policies and programs. Following their review, Faculty Senate is provided with supporting documentation that reflects the review process at least one week in advance of the senate meeting.

Part 2a of our 'Internal Procedure for the Consideration of Motions- First & Second readings' defines changes in either university policies or academic programs as 'major motions'. Part 3 of this procedure states that major motions must undergo two readings by senate unless the motion to approve is 'fast-tracked'. Since a robust review is performed by both APC and APP, we may not require two readings for all major motions.

Eliminating part 2a would remove the definition of major motions, thereby eliminating the requirement to have two readings for all university policy or academic program changes. Despite eliminating the requirement for two readings, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee or a group of Faculty Senators can move to have specific policies and academic programs be defined as 'major motions'. This would restore the requirement of two readings for these policies and programs under consideration.