

http://www.senate.ufl.edu/senate/documents/ABE_name_change.pdf**General Education
Committee Membership**

The Faculty Senate Bylaws include the following description of the General Education Committee, as amended through May 6, 2010, on page 25.

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Requiring that the chair be elected from the committee presents logistic and administrative problems that may hamper the operations of the committee. It is normally expected that the Chair will handle the administrative responsibilities that are required for the efficient operation of the committee. These include communication with faculty in preparing submissions and handling individual petitions. The committee needs a Chair who has the time and administrative support to meet these obligations. In addition, the Chair normally chairs the meetings and is not usually expected to vote, whereas, senate representatives usually vote. Also, the current policy allows the chair and co-chair to be both administration members. This would result in the senate not having a leadership role in the committee.

In addition, the language needs to reflect the fact that the “Gordon Rule” has been replaced by the Writing and Math Requirement. In view of these considerations, I propose the following to replace the above policy.

Proposed Amendment

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