Summary of the proposed changes to the Faculty Bylaws:

- Add a preamble. (Section 300.040.A)
- Revise the description of the membership of the Faculty (Section 300.040.B.1) to include tenured, tenure-track, and full-time, ranked, NTT faculty with a professorial designation rather than “regular” faculty.
- Add a section on Faculty Rights (Section 300.040.B.2)
- Revise the descriptions of the faculty, student body, senate and assembly’s “functions” in relation to university governance to address “responsibilities” instead. (Section 300.040.B.3; Section 300.040.C.2; Section 300.040.E.1; Section 300.040.F.2)
- Describe three types of faculty authority: direct and primary, shared, and advisory and specify the areas or topics to which each type of authority applies. (Section 300.040.B.4)
- Describe how authority of the Senate is delegated to it by the Faculty. (Section 300.040.B.4.d)
- Add wording about how Senate authority can be withdrawn - that is, how the faculty can override a vote of the Senate (Section 300.040.B.4.d and 300.040.E.2); Basically 25 faculty members from at least two parallel units need to sign a petition within 10 days, at which point it goes to the Faculty for a vote.
- Specify that you need to have at least two units represented to constitute a quorum for the faculty when discussing items included in the agenda for meetings of the Faculty, such as the Faculty Fall/Spring meeting (Section 300.040.B.5.b)
- Specify that a larger portion of the Faculty needs to be present for a quorum when items are being discussed that are not on the agenda for meetings of the Faculty (Section 300.040.B.5.b)
- Simplify the rules regarding record keeping for meetings of the Faculty (Section 300.040.B.5.e)
- Define the membership and responsibilities of the UMSL Staff using language borrowed from the Staff Association’s Bylaws (Section 300.040.D)
- Adapt the responsibilities of the Rules and Bylaws Committee to include receiving, reviewing and recommending interpretations of changes to the CRR in addition to UMSL bylaws – but not of initiating changes to the CRRs. (Section 300.040.E.3.l)
- Describe in more detail the functions of the Assembly to make it more consistent with the presentation of the functions of the Senate (Section 300.040.F.2)
- Clarify the duties of the Budget and Planning committee (Section 300.040.E.4.b)