

## Proposed UMSL Faculty Bylaw Changes: Executive Summary

Bylaw Section	Description of the Change	Rationale
B.1. (p. 1 of redlined/tracked-changes version)	Adds NTT faculty with a “librarian or archivist designation as listed in CRR 310.035.B.5” to the list of individuals who are members of the UMSL Faculty.	Specific librarian/archivist positions were officially converted to non-tenure track faculty appointments in November 2022. The revision updates the Bylaws to be consistent with that change. All other full-time, ranked NTT faculty members are already mentioned. Campus-wide faculty votes on issues specific to tenure or tenured/tenure track (T/TT) faculty remain limited to T/TT faculty, as specified in this section of the Bylaws.
E.3.k (p. 9 of redlined/tracked-changes version)	Removes the Committee on Research Misconduct	The UM System Collected Rule regarding Research Misconduct ( <a href="#">420.010</a> ), which required this committee, was amended in November 2024. Investigations into research misconduct now call for an ad hoc 3-person Inquiry Committee “of at least 3 individuals who do not have real or apparent conflicts of interest in the case, are unbiased, and have the necessary expertise to evaluate the evidence and issues related to the allegation, interview the principals and key witnesses, and conduct the inquiry” that is appointed for specific cases as they come forward. Each Faculty Senate or Council is updating their Bylaws to be consistent with the change to the Collected Rule.
E.3.k (p. 9 of redlined/tracked-changes version)	Adds the General Education Committee as a standing committee. The committee is charged with “maintain[ing] the general education program in alignment with the requirements of UMSL’s accreditor and the state requirements.”	The General Education Committee has a been working successfully as an ad-hoc committee under the Faculty Senate for the last year. Before that, the Committee was managed by Academic Affairs. Revisions to the Senate/Assembly Operating Rules passed by the Senate in February specify the make-up of the committee, which is “broadly representative” of the Faculty.
G.1. (p. 12 of redlined/tracked-changes version)	Allows for changes to the faculty bylaws to be made “at a specially-called meeting of the Faculty as set forth in paragraph B.5. of these Bylaws”	Currently, changes to the Bylaws may only be passed at the Spring Faculty meeting. The revision allows changes to be reviewed and passed at any time during the academic year provided the meeting is called properly, allowing updates to be passed more efficiently and limiting the potential for bottlenecks. Meetings require notice of at least 5 business days and can be called by the President, the Chancellor, or upon the written request of at least 25 members of the Faculty.