

**Motion to Amend the Faculty Senate Bylaws to Permit
Limited Debate of a Motion to Extend Meetings**

Introduced by the Faculty Senate Executive Council

Whereas: The bylaw recently passed requires adjournment of a regular meeting one hour and twenty minutes after its scheduled start time unless a motion to extend the meeting is supported by a two-thirds majority; and

Whereas: The bylaw does not specify whether debate should be heard on such a motion prior to voting; and

Whereas; On numerous occasions since the bylaw passed there has been business before the senate which, had members heard arguments concerning the urgency of the business, they may have better considered their vote to address or postpone; now, therefore,

Be it resolved: The Faculty Senate directs that its bylaws be amended by appending to Paragraph 12 the following: "Debate on a motion to extend the meeting time will be limited to 5 minutes, with no individual speech lasting longer than one minute."