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Throughout
- Updated/corrected references to Governing Regulations and Administrative Regulations

Section 1: The University Senate
- Change to 1.2.3 (“Meetings”) – added new standard for effective dates for changes to Senate Rules
- Change to 1.3.1.2.A (“University Senate Council,” “Elected Faculty Membership,” “Election”) – changes to the process of electing members to Senate Council
- Change to 1.3.1.3.A (“Officers of the Senate Council,” “Senate Council Chair”) – change to language describing how to conduct the election for chair
- Change to 1.3.1.3.B (“Officers of the Senate Council,” “Senate Council Vice Chair”) – updated vice chair’s responsibilities
- Change to 1.4.2.6 (“Senate Academic Programs”) – modified Committee charge to now include program changes of a significant nature
- Note added immediately prior to 1.4.3.5 (“University Honors Program Committee”) – clarifies that the SR section is outdated and refers readers to GR VII.E.2 (“University Organization”)
- Editorial change and interpretation to 1.4.4.3.A (“University Senate Hearing Panel (“Privilege and Tenure) (USHP),” “Composition and Jurisdiction”) – fixed typo and added series of interpretations regarding
- New 1.4.4.5 (“Senate Advisory Committee on Diversity and Inclusion (SACDI)”) – added description of new Senate advisory committee
- Editorial change to 1.5.1 (“Election of Joint Board-Faculty Presidential Search Committee”) – added specific GR reference

Section 3: Course Numbering System and Curriculum Procedures
- Change to 3.1.0 (“Course Numbering System”) – revised definition of professional courses
- Change to 3.1.2 (“Blocks of Numbers for Certain Courses”) – revised language referring to professional course numbers
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Section 3: Course Numbering System and Curriculum Procedures, continued

- Change to 3.1.5.B & C ("Progressive Rigor of Academic Programs") – added professional programs to Graduate Council’s responsibility in terms of progressive rigor and clarified Health Care College’s responsibility

- Change to 3.2.1.B.4 ("Procedures for Processing Academic Programs and Changes," “Definitions”) – clarified description of changes to master’s degrees

- Editorial change to 3.2.1.B.8 ("Procedures for Processing Academic Programs and Changes," “Definitions”) – clarified that changes to probation and suspension policies are considered to be a type of a program change

- Change to 3.2.3 ("Procedures for Processing Academic Programs and Changes," “Procedures to be Used”) – clarified that actions can also be taken by the dean’s designee (multiple instances)

- Change to 3.2.1.C ("Procedures for Processing Academic Programs and Changes," “Definitions”) – added definition of a “significant” program change

- Change to 3.2.3.A.2 & 3 ("Procedures for Processing Academic Programs and Changes," “Procedures to be Used,” “Approval by the Educational Unit Faculty”) – clarified which types of program proposals require letters of administrative feasibility from the dean and/or provost and clarified that actions can also be taken by the dean’s designee

- Change to 3.2.3.B ("Procedures for Processing Academic Programs and Changes," “Procedures to be Used,” “Approval by Academic Council”) – clarified that actions can also be taken by the dean’s designee and incorporated new procedures for significant program changes

- Change to 3.2.3.B.1.a & d ("Procedures for Processing Academic Programs and Changes," “Procedures to be Used,” “Approval by Academic Council”) – clarified the types of proposals reviewed by the Health Care Colleges Council and Graduate Council

- Change to 3.2.3.C.2 ("Procedures for Processing Academic Programs and Changes," “Procedures to be Used”) – added language describing the new process for significant program changes

- Editorial changes to 3.4.2.A, B, C, & D ("Procedures Governing Creation, Consolidation, Transfer, Closure, or Significant Reduction of an Academic Program or Educational Unit") – updated embedded SR references and corrected two bullets

- Editorial changes to 3.4.3 ("Procedures Governing Creation, Consolidation, Transfer, Discontinuation, or Significant Reduction of Other Educational Units (e.g. multidisciplinary..."
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research centers or institutes; interdisciplinary instructional programs)”) – clarified existing language

Section 4: Rules Relating to Admission to the University

○ Changes to 4.2.2.10 (“Specific Undergraduate Programs,” “College of Engineering”) – changes to “engineering standing” requirements for all undergraduate Engineering programs

Section 5: Rules Relating to Attending the University

○ Change to 5.1.2.3 (“Exceptions to the Grading System,” “College of Medicine”) – changed the grading system for MD students

○ Change and interpretation to 5.1.8.3 (“Permissive Withdrawal”) – change to standard by which “one-fifth” clause is triggered and adds interpretation of the definition of a “required interaction”

○ Change and interpretation to 5.2.4.2 (“Excused Absences”) – change to standard by which “one-fifth” clause is triggered and adds interpretation of the definition of a “required interaction”

○ Change to 5.3.3.3.A (“Attendance and Academic Discipline in the Professional Colleges,” “College of Medicine,” “Assessment of Student Learning”) – changed criteria by which student learning is assessed

○ Change to 5.3.3.3.B (“Attendance and Academic Discipline in the Professional Colleges,” “College of Medicine,” “Promotion and Retention Criteria”) – changed promotion and retention criteria

○ Change to 5.4.4.3 (“Professional Degrees”) – removed parenthetical restriction on which colleges could offer professional degrees

Section 6: Academic Rights of Students

○ Interpretation to 6.4.6.A (“Further Procedures in Cases of Suspension, Dismissal or Expulsion,” “Suspension”) – clarified the definition of “last day to drop a course”
Section 9: Glossary of Terms

- Change and interpretation to 9.1 (“Absence”) – change to definition of “absence” and adds interpretation of the definition of a “required interaction”

- New 9.11 (“Master’s Degree”) – added definition of “professional master’s degree” and renumbered subsequent sections

- Change to 9.12 9.13 (“Professional College”) – clarified which colleges currently offer certain types of degrees and which colleges comprise the term “Health Care Colleges”

- Change to 9.13 9.14 (“Professional Degree”) – expanded and clarified definition of professional degrees