

Proposal to Amend SWE Bylaws

Proposal #	Title	Article	Section	Proposed by
S-1616	External Policy Responsibility	IV	2.A.	Cherie Cain, Heather Bernardin, Stephanie DeCotiis, Natalie Vanderspiegel, Jessica Messick, Artemis Agelariou

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The following amendments will be automatically adopted as consequential amendments if this proposal is adopted:

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Rationale:

The governance subgroups have each been tasked with identifying areas in the bylaws that can be amended during FY16. The proposed governance structure doesn't include the senate as it is today. A new Strategic Advisory Board would be created to take on the strategic responsibilities of the current senate and related committees. This change is one step in our governance re-alignment that will better align roles and responsibilities to the correct organizations.

The strategic body and other committees will help develop the external policies and the board will take the tactical role of approving the policy.

Pro:

The board currently has the responsibility to approve the internal and operational policies of the society, so this change aligns this task to the most appropriate organization.

Con:

With the current senate structure, there is a process for reviewing and disseminating information to the membership. There is a concern that external policy approvals in the future may not get the broad discussion as they do today.

Bylaws Committee Comments:

None