The Faculty Senate Bylaws committee recommends the following changes to the Bylaws:

Item 3: Change the selection procedure for electing standing committee members for the Election and Bylaws committees and Committee on Committees, each of which include one member from each unit to say that “The Senators from each unit shall elect one member from that caucus to serve in this position” or in the case of the Committee on Committees, to say “The Committee on Committees shall consist of one Senator from each unit, the Speaker and the Speaker elect. The Senators from each unit shall, elect one member from that caucus to serve in this position, normally the caucus leader.

These changes would replace the current wording: “The Senators from each unit shall nominate one or more candidates. Within the full Senate, each Senator may vote for no more than one nominee for each unit. The unit nominee receiving a plurality wins. In the case of ties, the decision shall be promptly determined by lot.”

Basis: this would align the Bylaws with the process that has actually been used to populate these committees, apparently since the inception of the Senate. In the case of the Committee on Committees, adding the Speaker Elect to the Committee will provide flexibility for scheduling since the Speaker is defined as Chair of that committee.