The Medical Sciences Library Council has proposed a change in the bylaws as they pertain to the council.

**Current bylaws:** The following will be appointed by the TAMU Faculty Senate: Representatives from the College of Veterinary Medicine, the Biomedical Sciences Program, TAMU academic colleges, and the Medical Sciences Library. The following will be appointed by the TAMUS-HSC: Representatives from the College of Medicine and School of Rural Public Health. The composition of the Council is to be re-evaluated every three years from its initial date of adoption.

**Rationale for change:** This formula for Council membership made sense historically. However, during the past few years, there have been changes in the user groups served by MSL. Specifically, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (COALS) is now served by MSL, as are the new colleges within the Health Science Center. Within the current structure of the Council, these constituencies are without adequate representation. The proposed new configuration extends the original Faculty Senate plan for the Council (both faculty and student representatives) to all MSL primary client groups.

**Proposed change to bylaws regarding the Medical Sciences Library Council:**
The following will be appointed by the TAMU Faculty Senate: Representatives from the College of Veterinary Medicine, the Biomedical Sciences Program, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, TAMU academic colleges, and the Medical Sciences Library. The following will be appointed by the TAM-HSC: Representatives from the College of Medicine, College of Pharmacy, College of Nursing, and School of Rural Public Health. The composition of the Council is to be re-evaluated every three years from its initial date of adoption.
G. Elections

All senatorial elections shall follow Part II.D. of the Constitution.

1. Ballots shall list the nominees for each vacant position in order, by the date in which they file, and shall make provision for write-in candidates for each place.

2. Ballots may be cast by mail, fax, e-mail, or web for a period of two weeks as set by the election committee. Ballots may also be cast at the Office of the Faculty Senate during this same election period.

3. Elections of Senators shall be scheduled during the period of the last two weeks of March and first week of April.

4. The regular election shall utilize an alternate vote procedure as described in G.7 and G.8. Using this approach, all candidates shall be ranked with 1 equal to the first preference of the voter, 2 equal to the next highest preference, and so on. A candidate who receives a majority of first place votes for a senatorial-place upon the first counting of the ballots is declared the winner. If two candidates tie for first place upon first counting, and there are no other candidates receiving votes, the winner shall be decided by lot.

5. If no candidate receives a majority of first place votes for a senatorial place upon first counting of the ballots, the alternate vote procedure for recounting the ballots shall be used. The procedures to determine the two candidates for the second counting are as follows:
   (a) If three or more candidates tie for first place upon first counting, two candidates to compete in the second counting shall be chosen by lot.

   (b) If two or more candidates tie for second place upon first counting, one shall be selected by lot to compete in the second counting.

   (c) If there are not ties as described above, the two candidates with the most first place votes shall participate in the second counting.

6. If it becomes necessary to use the alternate vote procedure to determine the winner of a senatorial place, the procedure for vote counting is as follows:
   (a) The two candidates participating in the second counting retain all of the votes they received upon first counting.

   (b) The remaining ballots are distributed between the two candidates based upon the highest rank received on each of the remaining ballots.
neither of these two candidates is ranked on a ballot, that ballot is not counted.

(c) If the second counting results in a tie, the winner is decided by lot.

75. Ballots will be counted on the day following the close of balloting by members of the Election Committee. Members of the press shall be invited and other interested individuals may be present during the count. Election outcomes will be publicly announced as soon as possible; election results will be available in the Office of the Faculty Senate. No election results will be released prior to the final day for counting the ballots.