

Bylaws and Procedures Committee  
Annual Report AY12-13

The Committee met twice this year. At the first meeting, Nick Bircher was re-elected as Chair, and Kurt Summersgill was elected as Secretary.

In terms of old business, we still await the posting of the Guidelines for Search Committees for Senior Academic Administrators in the Guidelines section of the University's Policies and Procedures webpage. The major topic of discussion at our first meeting was the Sustainability Sub-Committee of the Plant Utilization and Planning Committee. This was an anticipatory discussion based on the possibility that the Bylaws Committee might be requested to provide options or make recommendations as to how the University Senate might go forward. The issue was successfully resolved by the Executive Committee.

In our second meeting, the major topic was the proposed name change of the Anti-discriminatory Policies Committee to the "Equity, Inclusion, and Anti-discrimination Advocacy." We had a very collegial discussion with Professor Ansell regarding the procedural options available to the Committee. One option is to characterize the name change as an editorial change to the bylaws. Another option is to treat it as substantive change to the bylaws. The ADPC will consider their option over the summer and proceed from there.

The report was presented at Faculty Assembly on June 3, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair