

Bylaws and Procedures Committee
Minutes
December 8, 2023

Present: Nick Bircher (Medicine) [Co-Chair], Cecelia Yates (Nursing) [Co-Chair], Ben Bratman (Law) [Secretary], Sheila Alexander (Nursing), Candice Damiani (Biological Science), Moriah Kirdy (English), EJ Milarski-Veenis (Education) [Staff Council], Lori Molinaro (Senate Office), Jessica Townsend (Medicine) [Staff Council], Marty Levine (guest—University Times)

- Call to order, 12:01 pm
- Approval of minutes from October 27, 2023 meeting. A small revision was proposed and agreed to—adding “Secretary, standing in for Robin Kear” as a parenthetical after the listing of Penelope Morel. With that revision, the Minutes were unanimously approved.
- Old Business:

Further discussion of proposed resolution regarding Constituency Committees (or “caucuses”)

A rough draft of a resolution was sent out just before the meeting.

Nick opened by noting that the original proposal from David Salcido referred to drawing from Faculty Assembly only, but a major focus for our committee is expanding representation from underrepresented groups, meaning the population to be drawn from is more likely the university community more broadly. Nick then proceeded through the draft explaining each section and the proposed revisions. Some discussion ensued about expanding types of caucuses beyond just “area of professional focus.” Additional discussion ensued about the need to define who is a member and who gets to vote, and about whether to simply adopt the system used for standing committees or a more open and inclusive system.

Nick will work on further amendments in line with views of committee members expressed.

- New Business: none raised
- Next meeting: Fourth Friday in January: January 26, 2024
- Adjournment. 12:46 pm