RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SENATE BYLAWS TO CHANGE THE NAME AND MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE ON PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

RESOLVED, that the Senate Bylaws, Section 1, be amended as follows:

Sec. 1: ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURE,

(4) Committee on Campus Planning and Physical Development of the University

The Committee on Campus Planning and Physical Development of the University shall consist of 16 members apportioned as follows: 5 tenured faculty, 2 non-tenured faculty, 2 administrators, 3 students, 1 alumnus, 1 library staff, 1 officer of research, and 1 administrative staff.

The primary mandate of the Campus Planning and Physical Development Committee is to review and comment upon satisfy itself that the processes for planning, reviewing, assigning priorities and implementing the University’s physical development to assess how they impact the academic mission of the University operate effectively. This shall include plans and projects to change space available for specific schools and departments as well as space for the well-being of the University community. The Committee will report to the Senate, President, and Trustees whether major projects have been properly reviewed and serve the best interests of the University. In addition, the Committee will work with the administration and appropriate committees of the Trustees in reviewing, with respect to the University’s academic goals, the long-term physical development plans of the University, for the campus and for off-campus properties, and the effects of those plans on the community. The Committee shall meet periodically with the appropriate vice president and his or her designates to discuss the status of planned and ongoing major capital improvements for the University. In addition, the Committee shall regularly receive reports from pertinent departments and committees charged with academically relevant aspects of physical development. The Committee on Physical Development may also advise the administration and the Trustees on faculty, student and staff concerns, priorities and particular projects related to campus planning and physical development. The Committee shall work closely with the Committees on Education, Budget Review, and Libraries and Digital Media so that developmental plans may bear close relationship to the fulfillment of educational policies and purposes. The Committee on Physical Development shall also work closely with the Committee on External Relations and Research Policy to minimize areas of conflict and maximize areas of cooperation with the community. On behalf of the Senate, the Committee shall also serve as a forum for reviewing reports of exceptional difficulties experienced with the academic physical plant, buildings, grounds and maintenance.

Proponent: Structure and Operations Committee