

BFC Constitution and Rules Committee (CARC) 2024-2025

10-03-2024, 11:15 – 12:15 PM, Zoom

Attendees: Chase McCoy (Chair), Cate Reck, Lori Dekydtspotter, Annette Loring

1. Background on changes to BFC Bylaws BFC candidate nomination process

For this meeting, CARC discussed and proposed changes to the BFC Bylaws, BL-ACA-D9. Specially, the task of this meeting as to examine the BFC candidate nomination process. We were asked to review this by the BFC Executive Committee, considering that at the start of the 2024-2025 academic year, there were 10 vacant seats on the Council.

Cate Reck brought up the issue of vacant seats during her time as the BFC President, and that when Bylaws were changed in fall 2020 it only increased the number of vacant seats on the council. Prior to the fall 2020 change to the candidate nomination process, nominees to the council were nominated by their peers. However, in the current version of the Bylaws nominees are decided through a self-nomination process. According to Cate, when she first took over the BFC there were many seats that had no self-nominations. One concern that was raised in 2020 when this change to the Bylaws was being discussed is that some members for the BFC would have never considered participating had they not been nominated by a colleague.

2. Discussion of changes to Bylaws section 4.b.iv and 4.b.vi

To address the issue of lack of candidates for the BFC, CARC discussed changes to sections 4.b.iv and 4.b.vi in the Bylaws. As a committee we discussed maintaining the current self-nomination process in section 4.b.iv, while readding the process for nominating a colleague to the council. We agreed unanimously to this change in the Bylaws and also discussed needed changes to section 4.b.vi as a result of adding in the nomination of candidates. In section 4.b.vi we agreed that we would need to add language to establish a process for determining whether a nominated candidate would be willing to be on the ballot.

CARC also considered whether we should return to language in the previous version of the Bylaws that limited the total number of candidates that could be on the ballot to twice the number of seats to be filled from each election unit, while also agreeing

that all self-nominations should go on the ballot. It was discussed to consider this for future meetings and to get feedback on this, as well as all of the changes.