

BFC Constitution and Rules Committee (CARC) 2024-2025

9-5-2024, 11:00 – 12:00 PM, Zoom

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

1. Introduction to CARC

CARC discussed the process for moving forward with proposals submitted to the committee. We agreed that moving forward with a submitted proposals would require a majority vote of the committee.

2. Discuss Committee Charges for 2024 – 2025

We discussed the charges that were given to CARC by the BFC Executive Committee. These charges included:

- Propose necessary updates or additions to the Constitution of the Bloomington Faculty, BFC Bylaws, or other policies related to the operation of the Council.
- Review the 23-24 report from the Faculty Affairs Committee, in accordance with their charge, related to emeritus status policies and practices to identify if any changes need to be proposed.
- Propose changes to Article IV of the Constitution to align with current meeting practices given the scale of the university and existing technologies.

3. Discuss Special Meetings (Article 4) language in the Constitution

We also discussed Article 4 of the BFC Constitution as it relates to special meetings. Specifically, we talked about the current numbers that are required to call for a special meeting. As a committee, we decided to review the Constitution and discuss this in more detail at future meetings. In particular, we discussed whether the numbers for petitioning a full faculty meeting should be updated to reflect the current faculty FTE, and whether the numbers for quorum and voting for a full faculty meeting should be adjusted as well.

4. Review and Discuss Proposals sent to CARC

Four proposals were also sent to the BFC executive committee prior to our first meeting by a member of the faculty. We discussed these four proposals, and vote on whether to consider them further within CARC.

- a. One proposal was to changes to the Constitution regarding Emeritus and Retired Faculty in terms of allowing all retired faculty to be voting members of the faculty. As committee, we voted not to move forward with this proposal.
- b. The second proposal was to formalize CWA Union Representative in the Bylaws. We voted and agreed that this was a good suggestion and that we would consider this further in future meetings.
- c. The third proposal was to clarify Bylaw language about how many co-chairs serve on Executive Committee. Like the previous proposal, we agreed to consider this in our analysis of the Bylaws.
- d. The fourth proposal was to reexamine the role of Executive Committee in settings agendas for meetings and for the BFC at large. We discussed that we should consider this further in future meetings.