

ACADEMIC COUNCIL
Monday, November 12, 2018
3:30 p.m.
McKenna Hall Auditorium
University of Notre Dame

AGENDA

- 1. Opening Prayer:** Diane Walker
- 2. Approval of Minutes of the meeting of October 1, 2018**
- 3. Discuss and approve the proposal to restructure the First Year of Studies:** Kasey Buckles
- 4. Discuss and approve the proposed updates to the *Academic Articles* from the Faculty Affairs Committee**

Our discussion of the proposed updates to the Academic Articles will follow parliamentary procedure, with Michael Desch serving as Parliamentarian, and Peter Holland presenting the recommendations on behalf of the Faculty Affairs Committee of the Academic Council.

The process will be as follows:

- Tom will invite a motion to have Peter Holland present the proposal to the Council
- Once this is seconded, the floor will be open for discussion on the proposal.
- Peter will present the major items in the order of their appearance in the Articles.
- For each update, the floor will be open for discussion and debate. Academic Council members may make a proposal for an amendment that can be either friendly or hostile. While not technically sanctioned in *Roberts' Rules of Order*, many assemblies have adopted the convention of regarding proposed amendments as either "friendly" or "unfriendly" to the sense of the original motion as a matter of convenience. A friendly amendment is one the proponent accepts as in the spirit of the original proposal and unless there is an objection from the floor is accepted as part of the original motion. A hostile motion, in contrast, is one which the proposer regards as contrary to the original proposal and as such requires a formal motion, second, and vote to determine whether it becomes part of the original motion.
- If an amendment is to be made, the process is this: A council member makes a motion for an amendment to be considered. That motion requires a second. That opens the amendment for discussion. After discussion, Tom, as acting chair, calls the question to end debate. If there is unanimous consent to end the debate, a vote is held on the substantive amendment. If there is an objection to ending debate, a two-thirds majority vote is required to end debate, after which the proposed amendment is voted on before discussion continues to the next issue.

Rather than conducting word-by-word changes on the floor, a given issue may be remanded to the appropriate committee of the Academic Council for reworking.

The substantive updates in this revision include:

- a. Definition of an academic unit, including degree offering and faculty hiring (Article I)
- b. VP and Associate Provost for Graduate Studies (Article III / Section 3)
- c. Committee on Appointments (Article V / Section 5)
- d. Committee on Reappointment, Promotion, and Tenure (Article V / Section 5)
- e. Any other changes not previously discussed

5. Adjournment