

INFORMATION ITEM: Ability of Executive Committee to Act on Behalf of the Staff Senate

BACKGROUND

Per Article VI, Section 1 of the Staff Senate bylaws, the Executive Committee exists to “[a]ct on behalf of the Staff Senate on urgent matters and consider current problems of general interest to the University, which cannot wait for action by the Staff Senate in regular sessions.” Further, actions taken by the Executive Committee “shall be reported to the Staff Senate at its next meeting and shall be subject to ratification by it unless the nature of the action or the terms of the authorization make the action of the committee final.”

The Staff Senate does not meet in January 2017. As such, the Executive Committee will need to be available to consider time-sensitive items with potential impact to staff between December 13, 2016 and February 12, 2017. The Staff Senate next regular meeting is on February 13, 2017. The Chair, therefore, requests that the Staff Senate authorize the Executive Committee to act for the Staff Senate during this timeframe.