



## UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE FACULTY  
*Gerry Philipsen*

January 7, 2008

Mark A. Emmert, President  
Office of the President  
Box 351230

SUBJECT: Class A Legislation #117

Dear President Emmert:

In accordance with the rules, the faculty has approved the Faculty Code amendment in Class A Bulletin No. 117: Volume Two, Part II, Chapter 22, Section 22-57 (Procedures for Removal of Faculty Senate Officers and the Secretary of the Faculty).

The results of the election submitted to the faculty for vote on December 10, 2007, are:

Total ballots distributed electronically:	4017
Total ballots returned:	537
Percent of faculty who voted:	13.37%
Percentage of "yes" votes:	94.79%
Percentage of "no" votes:	2.23%
Percentage of abstentions:	2.98%

(The above percentage figures are based on ballots recorded electronically by the Catalyst Group.)

Attached is Professor Dan Luchtel's certification that the faculty has voted to approve the changes as proposed in Class "A" Bulletin No. 117. Before the University handbook can be revised, we need your approval. According to the Faculty Code, you have fourteen days to respond. We look forward to hearing from you by January 21, 2008.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerry Philipsen".

Gerry Philipsen  
Secretary of the Faculty

Enclosure

cc: Dan Luchtel, Chair, Faculty Senate  
Carol Niccolls, Executive Assistant to the President  
Jan Sjavik, Chair, Faculty Council on Faculty Affairs

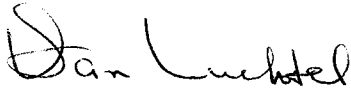
**Class A Legislation #117**

**Proposed addition to the Faculty Code defining procedures for removal of Faculty Senate Officers and the Secretary of the Faculty.**

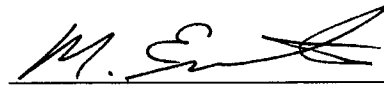
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CERTIFIED AS APPROVED:

APPROVED:



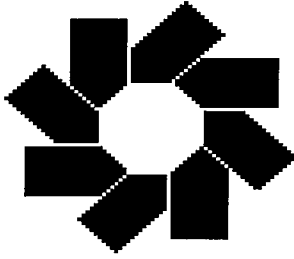
Dan Luchtel, Chair  
Faculty Senate



Mark A. Emmert  
President

Date: 1/8/08

Date: 01/08/2008



University of Washington  
**FACULTY SENATE**  
Box 351271

Class A Bulletin No. 117

December 5, 2007

**GENERAL LEGISLATIVE ACTION**

At its meeting on November 29, 2007, the Faculty Senate approved legislation that would establish procedures for removal of Faculty Senate Officers and the Secretary of the Faculty. This addition, which would amend the *Faculty Code*, has been approved at every step of the legislative process. The Faculty Council on Faculty Affairs has developed and approved this legislation.

**PLEASE VOTE BY DECEMBER 31, 2007.**

**RATIONALE**

In a recent change in the appointment procedures for the Secretary of the Faculty, who previously served at the pleasure of the President of the University, is now appointed by the Senate Executive Committee and confirmed by the Faculty Senate. There is not, currently, any procedure for recalling the Secretary, who is an officer of the University faculty, or for recalling the officers of the Faculty Senate after they have been elected by the Senate. The present proposal attempts to establish procedures that the Senate may invoke in the (unlikely) event that it loses confidence in one of these important officers who have been elected by University faculty.

**Senate Proposed Changes**

**(Additions are underlined; deletions are struck through)**

**Changes to Volume Two, Part 2, Chapter 22**

**Section 22- 57. Procedures for Removal of Faculty Senate Officers and the Secretary of the Faculty**

- A. The Faculty Senate Chair, the Senate Vice-Chair, and the Secretary of the Faculty may each be removed from office during his or her term of service.
- B. The removal procedure is initiated by the submission to the Senate Executive Committee of a petition signed by no fewer than twenty-five voting members of the Faculty Senate. Upon receipt of such a petition, the Chair of the Senate Executive Committee shall immediately provide a copy of the petition to the named officer. The Senate Executive Committee at its next scheduled meeting shall place consideration of the petition on the agenda of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Faculty Senate. The officer named in the petition shall have the right to submit a written rebuttal of the petition to the Senate Executive Committee. The petition and the rebuttal, if one has been submitted, shall be distributed with the meeting agenda to the members of the Faculty Senate.
- C. When the petition comes before the Faculty Senate, a representative of the petitioners and the responding faculty officer (or his or her designee) shall be provided an opportunity to address the Faculty Senate and to answer questions. The petition shall fail unless approved by two-thirds or more of the voting members of the Faculty Senate present.
- D. If the petition is approved by vote of the Faculty Senate, the officer's position shall become vacant at the conclusion of that Senate meeting.

**Section 22-57 58. Office of University Committees.**

*Approved by Senate Executive Committee  
October 8, 2007*

*Approved by Senate Executive Committee  
November 19, 2007*

*Approved by Faculty Senate  
October 25, 2007*

*Approved by Faculty Senate  
November 29, 2007*