

## **Resolution 2025-04 in Support of Amending the A&S Senate Bylaws to Permit a Single Alternate Member on Each Standing Committee<sup>1</sup>**

January 15, 2025

**Whereas**, the effective functioning of the A&S Senate depends on the consistent and active participation of its standing committee members; and

**Whereas**, unforeseen circumstances, such as personal emergencies, scheduling conflicts, or professional obligations, may prevent committee members from attending scheduled meetings; and

**Whereas**, the absence of a quorum or key voices during committee deliberations may hinder the committee's ability to make timely and informed decisions; and

**Whereas**, the addition of an alternate member to each standing committee would ensure continuity of representation, mitigate disruptions, and strengthen the overall capacity of the committees to fulfill their responsibilities;

**Therefore, be it resolved**, that the A&S Senate supports amending its Bylaws to permit the inclusion of a single alternate member from any of the constituent categories for each standing committee; and

**Be it further resolved**, that the alternate member shall:

1. Be selected using the same procedures as regular committee members.
2. Have the right to attend all committee meetings and participate in discussions.
3. Assume full voting rights and responsibilities only when a regular member is absent.

**Be it further resolved**, that the proposed amendment to the Bylaws shall be developed in consultation with the Membership Committee and presented to the A&S Senate for approval in accordance with established procedures.

**Adopted by the A&S Senate on [insert date here].**

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