

**The University of Akron
Faculty Senate**

Thursday, November 3, 2005

3:00 p.m.

Buckingham Center for Continuing Education (BCCE) 201

AGENDA

- I. Approval of Agenda
- II. Consideration of Minutes of September 1 and 15 and October 6, 2005, meetings
- III. Chairman's Remarks
- IV. Special Announcements
- V. Scheduled Reports
 - A. Executive Committee
 - B. Remarks of the President
 - C. Remarks of the Provost
 - D. University Wellbeing Committee
 - E. Academic Policies Committee
 - F. Ad hoc Committee on Facilities Planning
- VI. Unfinished Business:
Tabled Motion to amend Senate Bylaw 7(E)(5) on unexcused Senate absences (see attached appendix)
- VII. New Business:
Academic Plan and "Next Steps" for Academic Plan implementation - document review
Please note: According to Senate Bylaw (G)(5) [Meetings]:
Items referred to the senate by the president of the university, or the president's designee, for the good of the university, will be automatically placed on the agenda of the senate.
- VIII. Good of the Order
- IX. Adjournment

Appendix

Proposed Amendment to Senate By-law 7(E)(5)

This amendment was recommended by Senator Gerlach at the September 1, 2005 meeting of the Faculty Senate and laid over for a vote until the October meeting of the Senate, where the motion was tabled for discussion at the upcoming November 3 meeting.

Below is the current By-law; following is the recommended amendment, with the new text shown in **bold text**.

By-law 7(E)(5) currently reads:

Should a member of the Senate be unable to discharge the duties of the office, the Senate may declare that seat vacant.

The amended text, if approved would read:

*Should a member of the Senate be unable to discharge the duties of the office **or should a member have four or more unexcused absences**, the Senate may declare that seat vacant.*

Please note: In accordance with Senate Bylaw (I)(3) [Amendments]:

Prior to submission to the board of trustees, a proposed amendment requires the concurrence of sixty percent of the votes cast by members of the faculty senate.