

IX. AMENDMENTS

The Bylaws may be amended by bringing the issue before the OC for consideration. While any faculty member or governance group could suggest an amendment to the OC, there are four triggers that will require the OC to consider formally the proposed amendment. The four triggers are:

1. an amendment is proposed as a result of a cyclical review of the bylaws
2. the OC proposes an amendment as a result of its routine governance monitoring
3. the Dean or any of the Councils asks for an amendment to be considered
4. a proposed amendment is sent to the OC with a petition signed by 50 faculty members

Following any one of these four triggers, the OC will review the proposed amendment. It may redraft the proposed amendment as appropriate or necessary. If two-thirds of the OC voting members endorse the proposed change, it will be sent forward through the approval process as described below. Votes must occur in convened meetings.

As an alternative mechanism to OC review, if 100 SOM faculty on the University's payroll propose an amendment (a signed petition is required), it must be sent by the OC through the approval process described below.

Unless specifically noted as an exclusion²⁰, all proposed changes to the bylaws are subject to this approval process:

1. The proposed amendment will be published.
2. The proposed amendment will be discussed at a Faculty Forum called for this purpose.
3. The Dean and the Councils will prepare position papers that are made available to the faculty at least 21 calendar days prior to the Faculty Forum.

²⁰ This amendment process applies to the Appendices of the Bylaws except where specifically noted. Appendix A,

Guidelines for Appointment to Junior Faculty Rank, is not subject to this amendment process. It may be amended by the Dean after consultation with Department Chairs. Amendments to the Bylaws that do not alter semantic content, such as grammatical corrections, corrections of typographical errors, updating of the titles of administrative units or individuals, and all other such alterations, require only 1) unanimous consent by the Oversight Committee; 2) approval by the Dean; 3) approval by the BOD.

4. A vote of the SOM faculty paid by the University will take place no sooner than 7 calendar days and no later than 21 calendar days after the Faculty Forum. The balloting will remain open for seven calendar days.²¹
5. The SOM faculty paid by the University must approve the amendment by two thirds of those voting.
6. If approved, the amendment will be sent to the BOD with the position papers of the Dean and the Councils.
7. Final approval is required by the BOD.

Bylaws of the University of Connecticut School of Medicine

Approved by the Dean, School of Medicine on January 10, 2005.
Approved by the Dean's Advisory Committee on January 24, 2005
Approved by the School of Medicine Council on February 16, 2005
Approved by the voting faculty of the School of Medicine on February 28, 2005
Approved by the UCHC Board of Directors on March 1, 2005
Revised May 2007
Approved by the voting faculty of the School of Medicine on June 5, 2007
Approved by the UCHC Board of Directors on September 17, 2007.
Revised April, 2010
Approved by the voting faculty of the School of Medicine on November 15, 2010
Approved by the UCHC Board of Directors on February 14, 2011
Revised July, 2013
Approved by the voting faculty of the School of Medicine on December 9, 2013
Approved by the UCHC Board of Directors on March 24, 2014
Approved by the voting faculty of the School of Medicine on July 13, 2016
Approved by the UConn Health Board of Directors on September 12, 2016
Approved by the voting faculty of the School of Medicine on May 10, 2017
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Approved by the UConn Health Board of Directors on March 9, 2026
