To be adopted:

Proposed Changes to Bylaw N4

N4 Committees

PRESENT

N4.1 There is an Executive Committee consisting of the Chair of the Faculty, ex officio; the Dean of the college, ex officio; the associate Deans of the college, ex officio; the chair of the biological sciences committee, ex officio; and fourteen members of the faculty as provided in N4.1.1. An elected member is not eligible for immediate reelection unless he/she has completed a term of fewer than 18 months. Eligibility is reestablished after one year of non-service. The Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary-Parliamentarian of the faculty occupy corresponding offices in the Executive Committee.

N4.1.1 The elected membership of the committee shall include one member elected from each of the following departments: Biochemistry, Biology, Botany and Plant Sciences, Chemistry, Earth Sciences, Entomology, Mathematics, Nematology, Neuroscience, Physics, Plant Pathology, Soil and Environmental

PROPOSED

N4.1 There is an Executive Committee consisting of the Chair of the Faculty, ex officio; the Dean of the college, ex officio; the associate Dean for Student Academic Affairs of the college, ex officio; fifteen members of the faculty as provided in N4.1.1.; and student representatives as provided in N4.1.1.4. Student representatives and other Associate Deans of CNAS are non-voting members. An elected member of the executive committee is not eligible for immediate reelection unless he/she has completed a term of fewer than 18 months. Eligibility is reestablished after one year of non-service, with the following exception: if the member is elected to the position of chair of the faculty, the member may also be re-elected to the executive committee. The Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary-Parliamentarian of the faculty occupy corresponding offices in the Executive Committee.

N4.1.1 The elected membership of the committee shall include one member elected from each of the following departments: Biochemistry, Biology, Botany and Plant Sciences, Chemistry, Earth Sciences, Entomology, Mathematics, Nematology, Neuroscience, Physics, Plant Pathology, Soil and Environmental Cell Biology and
Sciences, Statistics, and the Division of Biomedical Sciences. The first order of business of the Executive Committee after the biennial election of the Chair of the Faculty will be to determine whether the representation formula needs change and to recommend appropriately to the faculty.

N4.1.1.1 The term of office of the Chair of the Faculty is two years, elected in even years. The term of office of members of the Executive Committee is three years. The five members of the Executive Committee from the departments of Biology, Chemistry, Nematology, Neuroscience, and Soil and Environmental Sciences are elected in the same year; the five members of the Executive Committee from the departments of Biomedical Sciences, Earth Sciences, Physics, Plant Pathology and Statistics are elected in the same year; the four members of the Executive Committee from the departments of Biochemistry, Botany and Plant Sciences, Entomology, and Mathematics are elected in the same year.

N4.1.1.4 At the beginning of each academic year, the Executive Committee will request that the Legislative Council of the Associated Students select two student representatives to the Executive Committee. Each of these student representatives must be majoring in a department or program within the college.
JUSTIFICATION:

The proposed changes to the CNAS Executive Committee address a long standing over-representation of voting members from the CNAS Dean’s Office. We welcome the advice and votes of the Dean and the Associate Dean for Student Academic Affairs, who regularly have business for CNAS. We feel that additional votes of the other Associate Deans creates an imbalance in administration votes in comparison to the various departmental representative votes. Further, it is appropriate to change the representation from the Biological Sciences major to be an elected representative, as it is for all the other Departments.

N4.1.1.1 - Department names have been changed and the regulation was never updated.

N4.1.1.4 – To bring the regulation in conformity with the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences.

Reviewed and approved by the CNAS Executive Committee: May 20, 2005
Reviewed and approved by the CNAS Faculty: April 26, 2006
The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction finds the wording consistent with the code of the Academic Senate: May 11, 2006
Endorsed by the Advisory Committee: May 12, 2006