



## Amending College Bylaws

Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer  
Faculty Affairs

This document is based on the NU Administration April 4, 2022 memo titled “Process to Amend Student/Faculty Senate and College Bylaws”, with additional items added to ensure awareness and consistency at the campus level.

Please note that college and department bylaws are supplemental to the UNL Bylaws, which are supplemental to the Regents Bylaws. Information from the UNL Bylaws and/or the Regents Bylaws should not be replicated in college bylaws; instead, appropriate links and references should be given. College bylaws should include a statement modeled after Section 6, “Relations to Other Bylaws and Rules” of the UNL Bylaws, which reads: “Nothing in these UNL Bylaws shall be construed to be in conflict with any applicable law or with the Regents Bylaws. Where anything in these UNL Bylaws conflicts with any Bylaws or Rules of any Institute, College, School, Department, or other subunit of UNL possessing power to enact Bylaws or Rules, the provisions of these UNL Bylaws shall govern anything in any Bylaws or Rules of such Institute, College, School, Department, or other subunit to the contrary notwithstanding.”

To amend college bylaws, please follow these steps:

### Step 1: Preliminary Review

Share a copy of the current college bylaws as a Word document and a second Word document using track changes for the proposed changes (i.e. amendments) with Judy Walker, Associate Vice Chancellor for Faculty and Academic Affairs. AVC Walker will review the changes and consult with the Office of General Counsel to ensure the proposed changes are acceptable at the campus and system levels before they are voted on by the faculty. Please understand that this step could take several weeks or longer. AVC Walker will confirm in writing that you are authorized to move forward with the next step.

*Date shared:*

*Date preliminary approval was received:*

### Step 2: Notice of Public Hearing

Give notice of a public hearing on the amendments. Provide a copy of the notice to AVC Walker with the following information: when the public hearing notice was sent, who it was sent to, and how the public hearing notice was advertised and/or distributed.

*Public hearing notice was sent:*

*How:*

*When:*

*Recipients:*

### Step 3: Public Hearing

Hold the public hearing that includes a vote by college faculty on the amendments. Provide a record of the faculty votes to AVC Walker with documentation of when and where the public hearing took place.

*Public hearing was held:*

*Date:*

*Location:*

*Faculty Vote:*

recommend      not recommend      abstain

### Step 4: Final Review

Provide a final packet of all items referenced above, a copy of this form as a PDF, the Word document of the college bylaws with track changes, and the requested effective date for the amendments to AVC Walker for transmission to General Counsel's Office.

*Requested Effective Date:*

*Date:*

### Step 5: Implement Approved Amendments

Once approval is received from UNCA, proceed with implementation of amendments. Send a clean PDF copy of the updated college bylaws for posting on the EVC webpage to AVC Walker, notify the college, update college web pages and faculty handbook, etc.

*UNCA Approval Received:*

*Date:*

*The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources should consult with Rich Bischoff, IANR Associate Vice Chancellor for Faculty and Academic Leader Success, for further instruction regarding modification of college bylaws.*