

TEMPORARY AMENDMENT TO STAFF ADVISORY COUNCIL BYLAWS

ARTICLE VI: PILOT PROJECT-BASED COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Approved June 9, 2026

Purpose

To improve organizational flexibility, increase member engagement, encourage distributed leadership, and better align committee work with evolving institutional priorities, the Staff Advisory Council (SAC) shall implement a temporary pilot project-based committee structure for the 2026–2027 council year.

Effective Dates

This temporary amendment shall take effect on July 1, 2026 and remain in effect through June 30, 2027 unless extended, modified, or replaced through further bylaw amendment.

Committee Structure During Pilot Period

During the pilot period, the Strategic Planning Committee, Community Engagement Committee, and Diversity, Equity, Access, and Inclusion (DEAI) Committee shall continue as standing committees under Article VI and maintain representation on the Executive Committee as outlined in Section 4.02(G).

However, Sections 6.02(C), 6.02(E), and 6.02(F) shall be temporarily modified to permit collaborative project-based operations across committees.

Project-Based Operations

During the pilot period:

1. The Strategic Planning Committee, Community Engagement Committee, and DEAI Committee may jointly organize and execute work through cross-functional project task forces rather than operating exclusively through traditional standing committee activities.
2. Project task forces may:
 - a. include members from multiple SAC committees;
 - b. include SAC members outside the sponsoring committee;
 - c. collaborate with relevant campus stakeholders or subject matter experts as

appropriate; and

d. be formed or dissolved as necessary to address identified priorities, initiatives, events, research efforts, or institutional needs.

3. SAC leadership shall establish annual strategic priorities and/or goals to guide project selection and committee collaboration.

Project Leadership and Accountability

1. Each approved project task force shall designate a Project Lead responsible for:
 - a. coordinating project activities;
 - b. facilitating meetings;
 - c. maintaining project timelines;
 - d. communicating updates; and
 - e. ensuring completion of agreed-upon deliverables.
2. Project Leads may be any SAC member participating in the task force and are not required to be committee chairs or Executive Committee members.
3. Committee Chairs shall serve as project sponsors and strategic coordinators but shall not be responsible for direct management of all project task force activities.

Review and Assessment

The Executive Committee and SAC membership shall review the effectiveness of the pilot structure during the Spring 2027 semester prior to officer and committee elections for the subsequent council year. The review shall consider:

- member participation and engagement;
- project completion and outcomes;
- workload distribution;
- alignment with institutional priorities; and
- overall effectiveness of the project-based structure.

At the conclusion of the pilot period, SAC may:

- return to the existing committee structure;
- extend the pilot period;
- modify the pilot structure; or

- adopt permanent bylaw revisions.

Automatic Reversion

Unless further amended, all original bylaw language affected by this amendment shall automatically resume on July 1, 2027.