

GENERAL FACULTY MEETING

March 2, 2015 – Mitchell Hall

3:30 PM

AGENDA

- I. **Call the Meeting to Order:** President Patrick T. Harker
- II. **Resolution:** Anu Sivaraman, Chair of the Committee on Rules

Recommendation from the Faculty Senate's Committee on Rules (Anu Sivaraman, Chair) with concurrence of the Executive Committee (Fred Hofstetter, Chair) to amend Section IX ([Attachment 1](#)) of the Constitution of the Faculty of the University of Delaware:

WHEREAS, the current Constitution of the Faculty of the University of Delaware refers to decisions made by the votes of “members present,” and

WHEREAS, Robert’s Rules states, “Voting requirements based on the number of members present . . . are generally undesirable. Since an abstention in such cases has the same effect as a negative vote, these bases deny members the right to maintain a neutral position by abstaining”; be it therefore

RESOLVED, that in Section IX ([Attachment 1](#)) of the Constitution of the Faculty of the University of Delaware, the word “present” (i.e., of the members present) will be changed to "voting yes or no" (i.e., of the members voting yes or no).

- III. **Address:** President Patrick T. Harker
University of Delaware and the Future of Higher Education
- IV. **Questions and Answers:** President Patrick T. Harker
- V. **Adjournment:** Faculty Senate meeting immediately follows.