Proposed Revisions to the *Palmetto College Campuses Faculty Manual*
Palmetto College Campuses Faculty Senate
University of South Carolina

Brief Title of Proposed Change	Creating a process for amending common degrees
Committee Proposing Revision	System Affairs
Date of Presentation to Senate	2/16/18
Senate Approval Date	

Rationale for Proposed Revisions

- In 2014 after the general AA/AS became common degrees, an amendment to the manual expanded the senate's authority to review curricula to "include review and approval of any changes to the curriculum requirements for the common degrees awarded by the USC Regional Campuses." This line appears to give senate unconstrained ability to amend the common AA/AS without input from individual campuses.

Summary of Proposed Revisions

- We propose creating a specific procedure under which amendments to the common degree plans may be amended. Any such amendment should come through system affairs, which is required to solicit and consider feedback from individual campuses prior to any amendment to a common degree.

Section and page numbers of the current *Manual* for proposed revisions

Page 3: The Senate has authority to establish minimum educational standards for the Palmetto College Campuses, to include review and approval of any changes to the curriculum requirements for the common degrees awarded by the USC Palmetto College Campuses; it also has authority in matters pertaining to the conduct of faculty affairs, except where that authority has been specifically reserved for the Palmetto College Campus Faculties.	Page 3: The Senate has authority to establish minimum educational standards for the Palmetto College Campuses, to include **proposal,** review and approval of any changes to the curriculum requirements for the common degrees awarded by the USC Palmetto College Campuses; it also has authority in matters pertaining to the conduct of faculty affairs, except where that authority has been specifically reserved for the Palmetto College Campus Faculties.
Page 91, inside the standing rules **Rule III - Voting** Only voting members of the Senate have the right to present motions and to vote. The senate shall not give final consideration to any substantive legislative matter unless it has been presented at a previous meeting, published on the Palmetto College Campuses Faculty Senate website within fourteen business days of its presentation, and then included in the current	 **Rule III - Voting** Only voting members of the Senate have the right to present motions and to vote. The senate shall not give final consideration to any substantive legislative matter unless it has been presented at a previous meeting, published on the Palmetto College Campuses Faculty Senate website within fourteen business days of its presentation, and then included in the current

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