The NEP Committee would like to make the following two recommendations:

1. We recommend revising Article III Section 5 of the bylaws to reflect the changes made last year. It currently reads:
   The term of office of the Chair of the Faculty Senate will be two years; the term of office of the Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Parliamentarian will be one year. The election of the Chair of the Faculty Senate will be held at the April meeting of the Faculty Senate in alternating years. The election of the other officers will be held at the first regular meeting of the Faculty Senate of each academic year.

   We recommend changing the last sentence to:
   The election of the other officers will be held at the May Senate meeting.

2. We recommend the addition of a new article to address the creation of Senate Panels. The document for the proposed Article IX is attached.
ARTICLE IX

SENATE PANELS

1. Appointment and Membership
   a. Members of all panels by the Senate shall be elected by the Senate.
   b. The Nominating, Elections, and Procedures Committee shall prepare and present a slate of nominees for all panels for election at the May Senate meeting.
   c. Eligibility for panel membership is to be specified in these Bylaws.
   d. The term of membership for each panel is to be specified in these Bylaws.
   e. Membership on a panel does not fulfill the requirement that Senators serve on at least one Faculty Senate standing committee.

2. Panels Specified in Policies in the University Handbook of Operating Procedures
   a. HOP 2.36 Procedures for Review of a Non-reappointment of a Non-tenured Tenure-Track Faculty Member
      i. The panel shall include two tenured faculty members from each college.
      ii. Panel members may be members of the Senate, but are not required to be members of the Senate.
      iii. Individuals holding administrative positions, including Associate or Assistant Deans and Department or Division Chairs, are not eligible to serve on this panel.
      iv. The term of membership will be for one year beginning September 1.
   b. 10.02 Misconduct in Research or in Other Scholarly Activities
      i. The panel shall include two tenured faculty members from each college.
      ii. Panel members may be members of the Senate, but are not required to be members of the Senate.
      iii. Individuals holding administrative positions, including Associate or Assistant Deans and Department or Division Chairs, are not eligible to serve on this panel.
      iv. Members of the panel must be available during summer term to serve on an Inquiry Committee.
      v. The term of membership will be for one year beginning May 1.

3. Other Panels
   a. Research Advisory Board
      i. The Research Advisory Board includes two Senate representatives selected by the President, with each serving two-year terms to begin in alternate years.
      ii. The panel shall include five Senators.
      iii. The term of membership will be for one year beginning Sept 1.
      iv. Individuals selected from the panel to serve on the Research Advisory Board will serve a two year term.