I. **Staff Senate Sponsor(s):** Constitution, Parliamentary Procedures, and Elections Committee

II. **Title of amendment:** Standing Committee Chairs

III. **Citation of Bylaws verbatim (include page and section number):**

   *Article VI, 1.3 The committee chairpersons and vice chairpersons should be elected by the committee, but failing that, will be appointed by the President. (page 9)*

IV. **Amendment desired (include full text and indicate changes by underlining new changes and striking through text to be deleted):**

   Change *-Insert the following language after Article V, 6.1.913 to: -Nominate the Chairperson of each standing committee, subject to Executive Committee approval. (page 7)*

   Alter the numbering of subsequent Presidential duties as currently listed in the Bylaws to align with the numbering system. (e.g., change the current 6.1.9 verbiage to number 6.1.10; move the current 6.1.10 to number 6.1.11, etc.). (page 7)

   Change *Article VI, 1.3 to:*
   
   1.3 Chairpersons & Vice Chairpersons Selection Procedure
   
   *(page-9)*

   Add VI-1.3.1 The President shall nominate the Chairperson for each standing committee, subject to Executive Committee approval. *(page-9)*

   Add VI-1.3.2 Vice chairpersons should be elected by the committee, but failing that, will be appointed by the President.

   1.3.3 Unless the Bylaws identify a particular officer as being the chairperson of a standing committee, the members of each standing committee may remove the chairperson of their committee by majority vote. *(page 9).*

V. **Justification:**
This amendment seeks to improve the productivity of the Staff Senate standing committees. Having the chairpersons selected by the Executive Committee allows the standing committees to start working on important issues earlier in the year. This change would help ensure that chairpersons are productive and collaborative leaders with sufficient knowledge of the processes and procedures of the Staff Senate. Under this model, the standing committees will still elect the vice-chairpersons to ensure that committee leadership continues to represent the committee. Furthermore, the committees will retain the ability to remove chairpersons. The Staff Senate standing committees will function at their best with the efficiency that comes from executive appointed leadership combined with, and tempered by, the consent of the governed committee.

Passed by consent of the UCO Staff Senate this 4th day of June, 2019.

Scott DeBeard, Staff Senate President