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Dear Dr. Huber,

The Bylaws Committee began development of the School of Mathematical and Statistical Sciences Bylaws during AY 2017-2018. After substantial work, committee discussions, and with feedback from SMSS faculty via email and several townhall meetings, the following policies have been approved by faculty vote:

Policy 01: Definition of the School of Mathematical and Statistical Sciences

Policy 02: School Meetings

Policy 03: Voting

Policy 04: School Director

Policy 05: Hiring and Appointment of the School Director

Policy 06: Comprehensive evaluation of the School Director

Policy 07: School Administration

Policy 08: Faculty Workload Distributions

Policy 09: Baseline workloads and workload equivalencies

Links to the faculty vote results and a timeline of the development of these bylaws is available at <https://faculty.utrgv.edu/eleftherios.gkioulekas/bylaws/> linked from <https://www.utrgv.edu/math/resources/reports/index.htm>

Similarly to the UTRGV HOP, the Committee has decided to organize the bylaws policies as a collection of independent policy documents. Each document has been approved by separate faculty vote. This allows each document to be independently updated. Furthermore, the bylaws can be also be updated by creating new policies.

The currently submitted bylaws address essential issues for the School operation: School meetings, voting, policies regarding the School Director, School Administration. We have also developed an SMSS workload policy.

The Committee has also began discussing drafts of bylaw policies that will govern School Committees, which play an essential role in shared governance. These policies will be the main focus during AY 2019-2020. Below are the titles of the policies currently under committee discussions.

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Policy 10: School Evaluation Criteria
Policy 11: General policy on School Committees
Policy 12: Faculty Evaluation School Committees
Policy 13: Other Standing Committees
Policy 14: Ad hoc School Committees

Yours sincerely,



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