PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-FLINT FACULTY CODE
Proposal made by Faculty Council

Replace Section 2c of Article 3 with the following language.

c. Discussion and Voting

Regardless of the number of members present, a meeting of the UM-Flint faculty shall discuss all matters on the agenda, all motions introduced by the Faculty Council, all motions made by faculty members at the meeting, and all other matters properly before the meeting.

All substantive motions made at a faculty meeting are to be voted upon by electronic mail ballot. The Chair-Elect/Secretary of the Faculty Council shall prepare the ballot, organizing and subordinating related motions so that voting will produce a consistent outcome. All motions shall be accompanied by the Secretary’s report of relevant discussion at the faculty meeting and by all material deemed appropriate by the Chair of the Faculty Council, including reasons for supporting or opposing the motion.

The ballot shall be circulated within one week of the faculty meeting, and votes are to be cast within one week of the ballot’s circulation. The Chair-Elect/Secretary shall promptly report the numerical results of the voting to all UM-Flint faculty. This Faculty Council can accelerate the voting schedule when it believes that an emergency situation requires a rapid response.

Adopting this new language entails deleting Section 2e of Article 3 and replacing the reference to that section in Section 2a of Article 3 with a reference to the new Section 2c.

A rationale for the Code change is that electronic voting is more secure and confidential than voting at a faculty meeting and allows all faculty to vote, regardless of schedule conflicts. A drawback to the proposal is that it allows voting by faculty who have not heard the discussion at the faculty meeting, although they will receive a report of the discussion.