Draft Proposal to Move to a Consent Agenda for Senate

This is a proposal to amend the UNI Faculty Senate Bylaws Section 7.4 addressing the order of business each Senate meeting should follow. The intent of this proposal is to move routine and/or non-controversial items to a consent agenda. This will allow Senate to take care of routine issues efficiently and easily so that more time can be spent on substantive matters. A consent agenda process would allow UNI Faculty Senate to review and group routine and/or non-controversial items and adopt these items all at one time without debate. At the beginning of each Senate meeting, a consent agenda will be presented by the Senate Chair. Items may be removed from the consent agenda on the request of any one senator. Items not removed may be adopted by general consent without debate. Removed items may be taken up either immediately after the consent agenda or placed later on the agenda at the discretion of the Senate. The following is loosely based on procedures followed by ISU’s Faculty Senate.

1. Call to Order
2. Call for Press Identification
3. Consent Agenda
   1. Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting – dates of minutes
   2. Emeritus requests
   3. Docket calendar
   4. Other routine and/or non-controversial items?
4. Announcements and Remarks
   1. President Nook
   2. Provost Wohlpart
   3. Faculty Chair Kidd
   4. Senate Chair Walter
5. Unfinished Business
6. New Business
7. Good of the Order
8. Adjournment