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Taryn Cooper, M.A.  
Manager and Executive Secretary  
University Senate  
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey  
335 George Street, Suite 1250  
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Dear Ms. Cooper:

Thank you for sharing the University Senate's December 2025 Resolution on Alternative Route to Policy Changes.

The avenue for challenging a policy owner already exists. Within the structure of the university, policy owners' authority is delegated to them by the university president or the governing boards. If a policy owner does not agree with a proposal from the University Senate (or another entity) to amend or retire a given policy, the Senate or other entity may petition the president or the boards for the change they are seeking.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. F. Tate IV', written in a cursive style.

William F. Tate IV

c: Lucille Foster, University Senate Chair