

## UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND FACULTY SENATE

### First Report of the Ad-hoc Committee to Address Faculty Senate Membership and Faculty Voting Rights

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Our first report is limited to the question of voting rights of full-time non-tenure track faculty at the department and college level. Faculty Senate membership (a more complicated issue, potentially involving recommendations to change the Faculty Senate Constitution and By-laws) will be taken up in a subsequent report.

The ad hoc Committee to address Faculty Senate membership and faculty voting rights on matters requiring Faculty Senate approval recommends to the Faculty Senate the following:

That full-time non-tenure track faculty who have been employed for at least two years as a member of the full-time non-tenure track faculty shall have full voting privileges in their departments and/or colleges and that any question regarding full-time status of an individual shall be resolved by the administrative supervisor of that individual.

The following University Manual changes are recommended:

**4.50.13** Voting on matters which require approval of the Faculty Senate shall be limited to the privilege of all tenure track faculty from their effective date of hire and the privilege all full-time non-tenure track continuing faculty who have been employed as such for at least two years. holding any of the ranks listed in 7.10.10.

**4.60.12** Voting on matters which require approval of the Faculty Senate shall be limited to the privilege of all tenure track faculty from their effective date of hire and the privilege of full-time non-tenure track continuing faculty who have been employed as such for at least two years. holding any of the ranks listed in 7.10.10.