

Constitution, By-laws, and University Manual Committee Report 2015-16 #3 March 31, 2016

At the February 18, 2016 Faculty Senate Meeting, the Senate approved of directing the Faculty Senate Executive Committee to conduct a referendum of the General Faculty to amend language in the Constitution of the Faculty Senate. The changes were intended to clarify membership of the Faculty Senate, not change the membership.

PROPOSED CHANGES

Article III – Membership

1. The Senate shall consist of designated *ex officio* members and of elected members of the full-time ~~teaching, library, research and extension~~ tenure-track faculty, chosen in the approximate ratio of one senator for each 10 full-time tenure-track faculty members. ~~For the purpose of determining the number of senators to be elected by a college, the library or other unit of the faculty authorized to conduct elections, part-time faculty members shall be counted according to the fraction of full-time which they serve.~~ Any member of the tenure-track faculty with the rank of professor, associate professor, assistant professor, or instructor ~~of the full-time teaching, library, research and extension faculty~~ may be elected a member of the Senate. The Senate will provide means by which all eligible faculty members not in a college or the library have the opportunity to vote and to be candidates for election. The President, the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Vice Provosts, the Vice Presidents, the deans of the colleges and schools, the Dean of Admissions, the person who served as Senate chair during the previous academic year, the President or, in his/her absence, the Vice President of the Student Senate, and the President or, in his/her absence, the Vice President of the Graduate Student Association shall be members of the Senate *ex officio* without the right to vote, but with the right to make and second motions. Other officers of administration, including personnel deans and the directors and assistant directors of the University administrative divisions, shall not be eligible for election to the Senate.

An electronic referendum of the General Faculty was conducted from February 25 to March 8, 2016. The referendum passed. The changes were approved. Results follow:

135 total votes

122 Approve (90%)

11 Not approve (8%)

2 Abstain (2%)

As a result of the approval of these changes to Article III of the Constitution of the Faculty Senate, changes in the By-laws are required for further clarification. On February 18, 2016, the CBUM Committee moved approval of changes to By-laws section 2.2. The motion was seconded, and the matter will be returned to the Faculty Senate for further consideration.

To reiterate, in this context, “part-time” does *not* refer to those part-time faculty who are limited to teaching two courses per semester and who hold the job title, Part-Time Faculty. The term refers to tenure-track faculty with part-time appointments.

PROPOSED CHANGES

By-laws of the Faculty Senate

2.2 Each faculty or other faculty unit shall elect one senator for each ten of its full-time tenure-track members or majority fraction thereof. For the purpose of determining the number of senators a college or other authorized faculty unit is entitled to elect, part-time tenure-track faculty members with part-time appointments resulting from a part-time assignment, a joint appointment in more than one college or unit with Senate representation, or phased retirement shall be counted according to the fraction of full-time which they serve in a particular college or unit. Terms shall be so arranged as to provide that one-third, or approximately that number of senators, shall be newly elected members each year. No college, school, or other authorized faculty unit shall have a majority of elected senators, and if this should be imminent following the membership apportionment as prescribed elsewhere in the Constitution and By-laws, the faculty involved shall be entitled to elect no more than one less than a majority of the elected members of the Senate. All full-time tenure-track faculty members, as set forth in Article III of the Constitution, shall be entitled to vote and to be candidates in Senate elections, but none shall vote or be eligible for election in more than one college or other unit. Each college or school, the library and other authorized unit not included in a college or school or in the library is entitled to elect at least one senator, regardless of the number of members in its faculty. The Executive Committee, with the concurrence of the Senate, shall determine how faculty members not included in a college or school or the library shall be grouped for participation in elections and shall designate a leader to organize elections; but the number of units so formed shall be kept to a minimum consistent with adequacy of representation of distinct disciplines. Normally the principle of not more than one unit for 10 faculty members will be applied, so that the total number of senators will not be excessively increased and the ratio of one senator for 10 faculty members will not be unduly disturbed. Faculty units so designated shall be announced at the regular Senate meeting in April of each year, and recorded in the minutes.

The CBUM Committee also introduces the following changes to the University Manual Chapter 4, which are considered editorial.

4.11.10 Membership in the University Faculty, also referred to as the General Faculty, shall be based on appointment by the President and on direct participation in or supervision of any of the following activities: teaching, librarianship, and research, within the University. The General Faculty shall consist of tenure-track professors, associate professors, assistant professors, instructors (see 7.10.10); the President, the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Vice President for Research and Economic Development, the Vice Provost(s), and the academic dean of each college or school and of the library.