

MOVE TO AMEND THE FACULTY SENATE RULES AND REGULATIONS

"Move to amend Section 1.A., Section 1.B.2, and Section II.A. of the Faculty Senate Rules and Regulations, as detailed below."

For all Sections, proposed additional language is in italics. Proposed deleted language is overstruck.

Proposed Changes to Section I.A.

I. Senate Officers.

A. Designated Officers. The designated officers of the Faculty Senate are the President, the President-Elect, and the Secretary. *The President of the University, the Provost, the Secretary of the Faculty Senate, and the President of the Senate are designated as non-voting members of the Senate. (This status applies to the President of the Senate even though the President of the Senate may vote in the case of a tie (see I.B.3))*

Proposed Changes to Section I.B.2

B. Senate President

~~2. Ex Officio Senator. The President shall serve as an ex officio Senator. If the President's term as Senator has expired in the year in which he or she begins the Presidency, the President shall serve as an ex officio Senator. If the Senator who serves as President has not completed his or her term as Senator, the President shall withdraw as an active Senator and serve as an ex officio Senator. The President's position as Senator shall be filled under the appropriate section provisions of (II)(E)~~

2. President's Replacement as Voting Senator. If the President-Elect has not completed his or her term as a voting Senator before beginning his or her term as President of the Senate, a replacement shall be named to fulfill the remainder of his or her term as a voting Senator under the appropriate provisions of Section II.E.

Proposed Changes to Section II.A.

II. Senators.

A. Constitution of the Senate. The *voting members of the Faculty Senate* will be made up of ten Unit Senators and twelve At-Large Senators.

OVERALL RATIONALE:

What these changes DO:

1) Correct the technically-incorrect designation of the President of the Faculty Senate (PFS) as an "ex officio" member of the Senate (as well as confusing attendant language, such as whether the PFS is an "active" member of the Senate).

2) Establish, for the first time, the official status of the Secretary of the Senate vis a vis Senate membership.

- 3) Maintain the intent of the 2012-13 re-write, in that it allows the entire Senate to serve as a "pool" for election as President-Elect (prior to the re-write, only Senators in their first year were eligible, which sometimes resulted in no one being willing to serve)
- 4) Shorten and simplify the language concerning replacement of the President as a voting Senator.
- 5) Establish a fixed number of voting senators."

What these changes DON'T do:

- a) Affect when the PFS actually can/can't vote. (The PFS is already only allowed to vote in the case of a tie (1.B.3))
- b) Change who can/can't be elected PFS (this is established in the Academic Charter; any President-Elect must be a current member of the Senate: see Section XVI.2.E)
- c) Re-written Section I in its entirety, assuming passage of proposed changes (provided to give proper context; new language is in italics.)

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B. Senate President.

1. Term. After serving a one-year term as President-Elect, the President-Elect shall serve a one-year term as President. The term will begin on the day following spring commencement and end one year later.

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3. Entitlement to Vote. The President shall not vote in Senate matters except where there is a tie of the Senate and the President's vote will break the tie vote.

4. Course Reassignment. The acting President will be entitled to course reassignment or its equivalent each semester during the year in which he or she serves as President.

5. Duties.

- The Senate President shall preside at meetings of the Senate and as chair of Senate's Executive Committee.
- The Senate President represents the Senate to the President of the University, the Board of Trustees, and the entire University community.
- The Senate President shall appoint a Secretary as noted in subsection (D) below.
- The Senate President shall serve on other Senate committees as designated by the Senate.
- The President of the Senate may appoint a parliamentarian for assistance. The parliamentarian need not be a member of the Senate.