

**To:** Nancy Reincke, President, Faculty Senate  
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CBPA Faculty Senate Senator  
**Subject:** Faculty Senate Representation  
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## **MOTION**

Amend Section II A. and B (1)-(2) to read as follows:

**A. Constitution of the Senate.** *The voting members of the Faculty Senate will be made up of twenty-two Senators. Up to fifteen of those Senators shall be Unit Senators, and the remaining Senators will be At-Large Senators. The President of the University and the Provost shall be non-voting ex officio members of the Faculty Senate, and shall report to the Senate at each regularly scheduled meeting.*

### **B. Unit Senators.**

**1. Units.** *Each of the following Units shall elect Unit Senators up to the number assigned below. A Unit may choose to elect less than its full allotment of Senators, but this decision must be communicated to the Secretary of the Senate by the end of the second week of the spring semester of the year the term expires for that Senator.*

- *Cowles Library; one Senator.*
- *the Law School; two Senators.*
- *the School of Journalism and Mass Communication; two Senators.*
- *the School of Education; two Senators.*
- *the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences; two Senators.*
- *the College of Business and Public Administration; two Senators.*
- *the College of Arts & Sciences, four Senators, to be distributed in the following manner:*
  - *one Senator from the Division of Humanities;*
  - *one Senator from the Division of Natural Sciences;*
  - *one Senator from the Division of Social Sciences;*
  - *one Senator from the Division of School of Fine Arts.*

**2. Unit Senators.** *Each Unit shall follow its internal procedures for electing its Unit Senator(s).*

## **RATIONALE**

This amendment would realign the voting members of the Senate so that the Senate will more accurately represent the academic units of the University. The current format, with its larger number of At-Large Senators than Unit Senators, has led to an imbalance in the representation of the academic units on the Senate. This amendment will help address concerns that the Senate does not accurately reflect the views of the faculty of the larger University. A process by which there are at least two Senators from each of the Colleges or Schools listed above will also relieve pressure on a single Unit Senator that currently has to serve on the Senate Executive Committee as well as official Senate Committees that require representation from each Unit. Listed below is the

current number of faculty from each Unit as well as student enrollment numbers. This information is from the 2016 Fall Data Bank, with supplemental information provided by the Library related to the number of faculty in its Unit. The current version of the Faculty Senate Rules and Regulations is listed below for reference.

College	Number of Faculty per Unit	Percentage of All Faculty	Number of Students per Unit	Percentage of Students Per Unit
A&S	137	43.6%	1330	26.9%
CBPA	52	16.6%	1288	26%
CPHS	44	14%	826	16.7%
SOE	28	8.9%	857	17.3%
LAW	26	8.3%	329	6.7%
J&MC	14	4.5%	315	6.4%
LIBRARY	13	4.1%	0	0%
Total	314		4945	

Current Versions of the Aforementioned Sections:

**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. The President of the University and the Provost shall be non-voting ex officio members of the Faculty Senate, and shall report to the Senate at each regularly scheduled meeting.

**B. Unit Senators.**

**1. Units.** There are ten Units. Each of the following is a Unit:

- Cowles Library;
- the Law School;
- the School of Journalism and Mass Communication;
- the School of Education;
- the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences;
- the College of Business and Public Administration;
- the College of Arts & Sciences, the Division of Humanities;
- the College of Arts & Sciences, the Division of Natural Sciences;
- the College of Arts and Sciences, the Division of Social Sciences;
- the College of Arts & Sciences, the Division of School of Fine Arts.

**2. Unit Representatives.** Each Unit will be entitled to elect one Senate representative (Unit Senator). Each Unit shall follow its internal procedures for electing its Senate representative.