



## Proposed Amendments to the Faculty Senate Constitution

The following are the Faculty Senate 2019-20 Restructuring Committee's proposed amendments to the Senate Constitution.

- 1. Article IV: Membership of the senate, Sec. 2. 3.** – clarify what units are eligible to have a senator.

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| <p>Sec. 2. University units eligible to elect departmental representatives to the Senate shall include:</p> <p>3. Any group of six or more faculty members who do not have affiliation and who are designated by the Executive Board as a unit for purposes of Senate representation.</p> | <p>Sec. 2. University units eligible to elect departmental representatives to the Senate shall include:</p> <p>3. Any group of six or more faculty members who do not have affiliation <b><u>and who do not have a primary affiliation with a unit that has an elected Senator</u></b> and who are designated by the Executive Board as a unit for purposes of Senate representation.</p> |

- 2. Article IV: Membership of the senate, Sec. 5** – clarify administrative positions that are not eligible as departmental senators.

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| <p>Sec. 5. Faculty members may vote in departmental elections of Senate representatives or be elected from the department to which they devote the major part of their time. In any case where there is doubt regarding to which department a faculty member belongs, such doubt shall be resolved by the Executive Board.</p> | <p>Sec. 5. Faculty members, <b><u>with the exception of the University President, Provost, Vice Presidents, Vice Provosts, Associate Provosts, and Deans,</u></b> may vote in departmental elections of Senate representatives or be elected from the department to which they devote the major part of their time. In any case where there is doubt regarding to which department a faculty member belongs, such doubt shall be resolved by the Executive Board.</p> |



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3. **Article IV: Membership of the senate, Sec. 8** – clarify the need for declaration of a vacant senate seat.

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| Sec. 8. If an elected representative is absent without substitution for more than two consecutive meetings of the Senate, or more than four meetings of the Senate without substitution during the Senate year, his or her seat may be declared vacant. | Sec. 8. If an elected representative is absent without substitution for more than two consecutive meetings of the Senate, or more than four meetings of the Senate without substitution during the Senate year, his or her seat <b>shall may</b> be declared vacant. |

4. **Article V: Officers and their election** – clarify who is eligible to serve as a council or committee chair, vice chair, and secretary.

[NOTE: acceptance of this amendment includes subsequent re-numbering of the sections that follow within Article V.]

| Current | Proposed  |
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|         | Sec. 2. <b>No officer of the Faculty Senate shall also service as chair, vice chair, or secretary of any Faculty Senate council, standing or ad hoc committee except as specifically provided for in the bylaws or in the event of a vacancy where a meeting to elect a new chair is called for, and then he/she shall serve solely to open the meeting and direct the election of a new chair.</b> |



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### 5. Article V: Officers and their election, Sec. 3. – clarify the pool of eligible candidates.

| Current   | Proposed  |
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| Sec. 3. Eligibility for election as president or vice president shall be restricted to elected members who have served for at least one year in the current Senate or in either of the two preceding Senates. | Sec. 3. Eligibility for election as president or vice president shall be restricted to elected members who have served for at least one year in <del>the current Senate or in either of the two</del> <b>any preceding</b> Senates. |

### 6. Article V: Officers and their election, Sec. 4. – clarify the pool of eligible candidates.

| Current  | Proposed   |
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| Sec. 4. Eligibility for election to any Senate office other than president or vice president shall be restricted to past presidents of the Senate, past council chairs who served at least one year in that role, and elected members of the current Senate or past Senates who have served for at least one year. Those holding academic rank while also serving as unit chairs or assistant/associate deans may stand for election to any Senate office other than president or vice president as long as they also meet all other qualifications. No others holding Board of Trustee administrative positions shall be eligible for election. | Sec. 4. Eligibility for election to any Senate office other than president or vice president shall be restricted to past presidents of the Senate, past council chairs who served at least one year in that role, and elected members of the current Senate or <b>of</b> past Senates who have served for at least one year. Those holding academic rank while also serving as unit chairs/ <b>directors</b> or assistant/associate deans may stand for election to any Senate office other than president or vice president as long as they also meet all other qualifications. No others holding Board of Trustee administrative positions shall be eligible for election. |



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### 7. Article V: Officers and their election, Sec. 5. – clarify the pool of eligible candidates.

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| <p>Sec. 5. The term of office for any Senate officer, except the immediate past president, shall be two years or until his or her successor shall have been chosen and qualified. The term of office for the immediate past president shall be one year. The president and vice president are not eligible for a second sequential term to the same office. Except for the immediate past president, no individual may serve as an officer of the Senate for more than six consecutive years.</p> | <p>Sec. 5. The term of office for any Senate officer, except the immediate past president, shall be two years or until his or her successor shall have been chosen and qualified. The term of office for the immediate past president shall be one year. The president and vice president are not eligible for a second sequential term to the same office. Except for the immediate past president, <b><u>other Senate officers may be eligible for sequential terms to the same office, but</u></b> no individual may serve as an officer of the Senate for more than six consecutive years. <b><u>After serving six consecutive years, a Senate officer may not be elected to the same office again for an interval of at least one calendar year.</u></b></p> |

### 8. Article VIII: Councils, Sec. 1 – elimination of the Extended University Programs Council.

| Current  | Proposed  |
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| <p>Sec. 1. The following councils shall be established: Academic and Information Technology, Campus Planning and Finance, Extended University Programs, Graduate Studies, International Education, Research Policies, and Undergraduate Studies.</p> | <p>Sec. 1. The following councils shall be established: Academic and Information Technology, Campus Planning and Finance, <del>Extended University Programs</del>, Graduate Studies, International Education, Research Policies, and Undergraduate Studies.</p> |



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### 9. Article VIII: Councils, Sec. 4 – clarify the timeline.

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| <p>Sec. 4. Within a reasonable time before its next meeting, each council shall submit a copy of its minutes to each member of the Senate. Upon receipt of the minutes as well as a Memorandum of Action (MOA) conveying the recommendation of the council, the Executive Board shall act in accordance with Article VII, Part 1, Sec. 2, of this constitution. If the Executive Board does not notify the chairperson of the appropriate council in a timely manner as prescribed in Article VII, Part 1, Sec. 2, of this constitution of its intention to place a council decision on the agenda of the Senate, then that council may submit its decision to the president of the University. If a council decision is placed on the agenda of the Senate, then the action of the Senate on such decision shall prevail, subject to the approval of the president of the University.</p> | <p>Sec. 4. <del>Within a reasonable time</del> <b>At least 10 business days</b> before its next meeting, each council shall submit a copy of its minutes to each member of the Senate. Upon receipt of the minutes as well as a Memorandum of Action (MOA) conveying the recommendation of the council, the Executive Board shall act in accordance with Article VII, Part 1, Sec. 2, of this constitution. If the Executive Board does not notify the chairperson of the appropriate council in a timely manner as prescribed in Article VII, Part 1, Sec. 2, of this constitution of its intention to place a council decision on the agenda of the Senate, then that council may submit its decision to the president of the University. If a council decision is placed on the agenda of the Senate, then the action of the Senate on such decision shall prevail, subject to the approval of the president of the University.</p> |

### 10. Article VIII: Councils, Sec. 8 – clarify the timeline.

| Current  | Proposed  |
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| <p>Sec. 8. Councils shall meet regularly scheduling meetings ten times annually.</p> | <p>Sec. 8. Councils shall <del>hold meet</del> regularly <b><u>scheduled scheduling</u></b> meetings <b><u>at least in September, October, November, December, January, February, March, April, and May ten times annually.</u></b></p> |