Faculty Senate Agenda Item

Submitted By: Faculty Senate Executive Committee

Title of the Proposal: Amendment of the Faculty Senate Bylaws, Section 5.0 Article 5: Committees

Description:

The Faculty Senate Bylaws in Section 5.0 Article 5, is entitled “Committees”. This bylaw change is submitted to the Faculty Senate to clarify that the Faculty Senate Tenure and Promotion Committee shall not be chaired by the Immediate Past Chair of the Senate. Further, the chairs of all Senate committees shall be determined as described in Section 5.6.

Sections of Regents Handbook, Senate Constitution/Bylaws Affected: (deletions indicated by strikethrough and additions by underline):

Faculty Senate Bylaws, Section 5.0 Article 5: Committees

Tenure and Promotion

1 Tenured academic faculty from each degree granting college and school
1 Tenured alternate academic faculty from each degree granting college and school
1 Tenured librarian
1 Tenured alternate librarian
1 Vice Chair of the Senate (ex-officio, non-voting)
1 Immediate Past Chair of the Senate (ex-officio, non-voting)

a) An alternate committee member shall be elected from each unit to serve in the event the committee member is on leave or in cases of conflict of interest. Alternates shall attend in place of the principal member only when the principal member is on leave or in case of conflict of interest.

b) The Immediate Past Chair of the Senate shall serve as the chair of the Tenure and Promotion committee for one year.

5.6 After committee membership has been determined, the Executive Committee shall appoint committee chairs either from the committee membership, the Faculty Senate, or from faculty at-large, a chair subject to the approval of the committee. The chair of the Tenure and Promotion committee shall be the Immediate Past Chair of the Senate.

5.6.1 Senate standing and ad hoc committee chairs will present a report of their committee's activities to the Senate at least once a semester. The Executive Committee shall determine the rotational schedule for the committee reports.

5.6.2 The committee chairs will be responsible for maintaining minutes for each committee meeting and filing those minutes in a timely fashion with the Senate Office.

5.6.3 The Chair of the Faculty Senate, in consultation with the Executive Committee, may appoint committee members to fill vacant seats from any college or unit. If a college or unit
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has not filled its seat by 3 (three) weeks following the first day of classes of that college's or unit's Fall semester, the Chair of the Faculty Senate shall appoint an eligible person from the college/unit area to serve as a committee member during that academic year. The Chair shall make the appointment in consultation with the Executive Committee and with the Senior Senator of the college or unit that employs the appointee.

Arguments For:
The bylaw amendment clarifies the mechanism by which the Faculty Senate Executive Committee appoints chairs to all Senate committees.

Arguments Against:
None identified.

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