

## **Faculty Senate Constitution amendments for vote March 14, 2025**

Language to be stricken from the Constitution has a strike thru and added language is underlined and highlighted in yellow.

### ***Resolution 1: Amending the Faculty Senate Constitution relating to unaffiliated faculty, the Honors College, and the Library***

Whereas, Article III, sections 1 and 4, reference membership of unaffiliated faculty in the Senate, and

Whereas, the university has moved away from the term “unaffiliated” as it relates to faculty organization, and

Whereas, the number of faculty who hold positions that previously were categorized as unaffiliated has decreased, and

Whereas, members of the faculty within the Honors College and the Library — the two remaining entities that previously were categorized as unaffiliated — support this amendment, and

Whereas, procedures for electing senators are contained in the Faculty Senate Bylaws,

Be it therefore resolved that Article III, sections 1 and 4, of the Faculty Constitution be amended to read:

**Section 1.C.1. College senators: Three Faculty Association members from each academic college, ~~three Faculty Association members from all of the unaffiliated faculty units of the university~~ one Faculty Association member from the Honors College, and one Faculty Association member from the Library shall be elected by a secret ballot of the Faculty Association of the respective academic units in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution Faculty Senate Bylaws.**

**Section 4. ~~Each group of senators is divided into three classes, such that within each group, one of the three classes is elected each year.~~ Academic colleges with more than one senator shall stagger elections by electing one senator each year.**

### ***Resolution 2: Amending the Constitution relating to the part-time senator position***

Whereas, Article III, Section 1, defines the role of a part-time faculty member who serves on the Faculty Senate as a representative of all part-time faculty members (hereunto referred to as part-time senator), and

Whereas, the part-time senator is listed in the Constitution as an ex officio member of the Faculty Senate although Robert’s Rules of Order defines ex officio as a person who serves as a member of a board “by virtue of an office or committee chairmanship held in the society” with no provision for an ex officio member to be elected to the board, and

Whereas, the Constitution language limiting the rights of a part-time senator to vote is the antithesis of shared governance and ensuring all voices are heard, and

Whereas, part-time faculty who are willing to serve on the Faculty Senate show a commitment to the university and provide a valuable voice in sharing the concerns and thoughts of their constituency, and

Whereas, no provision in the Constitution or Faculty Senate Bylaws limits the term of a part-time senator to one year, and

Whereas, moving the part-time senator from ex officio to elected senator includes them with all other senators in serving three-year terms, and

Be it therefore resolved that Article III, Section 1, of the Faculty Constitution be amended to read:

~~B. Ex Officio: (For purposes of this paragraph “part time faculty” means “part time employees of the university with teaching included as a responsibility of their appointment.”) One part time faculty member of the university elected by the part time faculty of the university. This shall be a non-voting member except on issues that directly affect the part time faculty of the university as determined by the president of the senate.~~

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**3. Part-time senator: One part-time faculty member of the university elected by the part-time faculty of the university. (For purposes of this paragraph “part-time faculty” means “part-time employees of the university with teaching included as a responsibility of their appointment.”)**

### ***Resolution 3: Amending the Constitution to clarify and clean up language***

Whereas, Article III, Section 3, includes the provost of the university as an ex-officio member of the Faculty Senate, and

Whereas, Robert's Rules of Order includes in its definition of an ex officio member of a board that said ex officio member shall be a voting member, and

Whereas, the university provost has not been a voting member of the Faculty Senate in the past,

Be it therefore resolved that Article III, Section 3, of the Faculty Constitution be amended to read:

***Ex Officio: Provost, who shall serve as a non-voting member.***

And, whereas, Article III, Section 3, states “No more than two senators shall be from any single department, and no more than two chairs (or equivalent position) shall be elected from each college. No administrator at the assistant dean or above level shall be eligible to be elected”, and

Whereas, the intent is that no more than two senators from each department or no more than two chairs from each college serve in the senate, and that administrators at the assistant dean or above level be ineligible to serve in the senate, and

Whereas, a senator who assumes a new position at the university could create a situation contrary to this intent but is not required to resign from the senate, and

Whereas, similar language already exists in the Faculty Senate bylaws,

Be it therefore further resolved that Article III, Section 3, of the Faculty Constitution be amended to read:

**No more than two senators shall be from any single department, and no more than two chairs (or equivalent position) shall be elected serve from each college. No administrator at the assistant dean or above level shall be eligible to be elected serve.**

And, whereas, Article VI, sections 2 and 3, contain repeated language, and

Whereas, the sections can be combined and rewritten to eliminate redundancy,

Be it therefore further resolved that Article VI, sections 2 and 3, of the Faculty Constitution be amended to read:

**Section 2. Any amendment proposed by the senate shall be submitted to a vote of the faculty. Each faculty member shall be notified at least two weeks in advance of such a vote and at the time be furnished with a copy of the proposed amendment.**

**~~Section 3. Any proposed amendments to the Constitution that are submitted by the Faculty Senate will be submitted to the Faculty Association for a vote. Voting shall be conducted similar to the election of senators as prescribed by the faculty senate bylaws.~~**

And whereas, Article VI, Section 4, includes the date that section was ratified, and

Whereas, no other section of the Faculty Constitution contains such language,

Be it therefore further resolved that Article VI, Section 4, of the Faculty Constitution be amended to read:

**~~Section 4~~ Section 3. In order for an amendment to pass and thus become a part of the Constitution, over half of the faculty association members must vote, and a proposed amendment must receive “do pass” from at least two-thirds of those voting. ~~Ratified August 20, 1990.~~**