Proposed amendments to Faculty Senate Charter

May 2015
FS Charter and Bylaws Committee
For second reading
Article II (Composition of Faculty Senate), Section 4

• Based on “Faculty Senate Student Participation Resolution, Feb 2014”
    • Section 4. There shall be two STUDENT SENATORS, one undergraduate student elected by the Student Government Association, and one GRADUATE STUDENT elected by the Graduate Student Council (modified 05-1998; amended 05-2015). These STUDENT senators shall have the status of observers, with the rights of speaking and serving on committees of the Faculty Senate, but they shall not have the right to vote on decisions of the Faculty Senate or its committees.
Article III. (Terms, Qualifications and Elections)  
Sections 3 and 4

• Based on “Committee on Faculty Participation in Governance Resolution Feb 2014”
  • Section 3. (As amended on 6-11-75; 05-2015) Qualifications for faculty senators shall be full-time faculty status excluding chairs and faculty whose responsibilities include administration workload. Interim chairs can be on the Faculty Senate only if their appointment as interim chair is for one academic year or less. Their senate membership will be terminated if their appointment is extended. For purposes of this and all other pertinent provisions, the term “full-time faculty status” shall be defined as including instructors/librarians, assistant professors, associate professors and professors who normally carry a full teaching and/or research load in a tenured or tenure-track position (amended 05-1998). The term “full-time faculty status” also shall be defined as including resident artists (as full professors), librarians (as instructors), and full-time lecturers with three or five year contracts. (amended 11-09, amended 5-2010)

• Based on “Faculty Senate Student Participation Resolution, Feb 2014”
  • Section 4. Qualifications for STUDENT senators shall be the attainment of 45 semester hours for undergraduate students, and 18 semester hours for graduate students by the time of election (as amended 05-2015)
Article IV. Officers and Committees of the Faculty Senate, Section 3

• Based on “Committee on Faculty Participation in Governance Resolution Feb 2014”
  • Section 3. Committees of the Faculty Senate shall include an Executive Committee, Committee on Committees, a University Curriculum Committee, an Academic Affairs Committee, a Faculty Research Committee, a Charter and Bylaws Committee and such other standing and temporary/ad hoc committees as the Faculty Senate shall from time to time create. The membership of these committees will be restricted to those with full-time faculty status (as defined by Article 3, section 3 above). Full-time faculty status is restricted to those whose responsibilities are scholarship, teaching (e.g., lecturers, librarians, clinical & tenure track faculty) and service, and does not include those whose responsibilities include administration workload (e.g., deans and chairs). (amended 5-2015 )
For First Reading
Article VI. Status of Existing and Other Faculty Governmental Bodies – propose replacing sections 2 and 3 with a new section 2

• Based on grievance policy proposal by Ad-hoc Faculty Grievance Charter and Bylaws Writing Committee (February 2015). Proposed amendment would establish a Faculty Grievance Committee (FGC) to replace UPTC and URC. Subsequent changes and bylaws and procedures will be introduced in 2015-16.

• **Section 2.** There shall be a Faculty Grievance Committee (FGC) whose members shall not be appointed by the Committee on Committees but shall be elected by the faculty at large. The internal organization and functional division of labor of the FGC shall be determined by the membership of that committee and be incorporated into the bylaws of the Faculty Senate.