

FACULTY SENATE MEMBERSHIP LENGTH MOTION

Whereas:

- The Faculty Senate Bylaws currently have the following rules in relation to length of membership:

Article II (Membership), Section 6: The term of office for the academic unit's member and alternate shall be two years, from the start of the organizational meeting of the Faculty Senate until the end of the regularly scheduled April meeting of the Faculty Senate held in the second year thereafter. No member shall serve more than six years in succession or three terms in succession.

- It may happen that one and only one member of an academic unit has an interest in Faculty Senate service or is good at Faculty Senate work (this may especially be the case in smaller academic units),
- It may happen that following the current prescriptions in Article II, Section 6 may lead to the dismissal of the only member of an academic unit interested in Faculty Senate service,
- The circumstance just described would be, at least in part, regrettable, given the loss of a devoted, capable, experienced and enthusiastic Faculty Senator,
- It takes time to learn the issues, and longer term limits allow people to develop ideas and see them through to implementation, and
- Fears about overlong Faculty Senate service are alleviated by the fact that voting for Faculty Senators within academic units is and will remain on a 2 year rolling basis, and no one is assured of being elected in any given election,

Be it now resolved

That Article II, Section 6 of the Faculty Senate Bylaws shall now read:

Article II, Section 6: The term of office for the academic unit's member and alternate shall be two years, from the start of the organizational meeting of the Faculty Senate until the end of the regularly scheduled April meeting of the Faculty Senate held in the second year thereafter. *No member shall serve more than eight years in succession or four terms in succession.*

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[This motion, insofar as it involves a change to our Bylaws, would require a 2/3 majority vote in its favor.]