

FACULTY SENATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Proposed Revision to the Operating Paper of the Faculty and Faculty Senate

Rationale

The proposed revision to change the eligibility of faculty for membership on the Faculty Senate is predicated on the following points:

1. The Faculty Senate is charged to initiate, promote, and ensure the enforcement of policies involving academic and intellectual freedom and to concern itself in all matters of faculty status and welfare.
2. Administrative interests extend beyond faculty interests and sometimes directly conflict with faculty interests.
3. Senators who hold administrative appointments are placed in the difficult position of having to choose between supporting or opposing resolutions that they deem to be in the best of interests of the faculty but not in the best interests of the administration or particular administrators.
4. The State of Illinois requires that all state employees avoid such conflicts of interest.
5. Faculty interests would be better served by limiting Faculty Senate membership to those whose loyalties to the faculty are undivided;

It is proposed that the Faculty Senate hold a special referendum to change the *Operating Paper of the Faculty and Faculty Senate* (see below) to exclude from Faculty Senate membership all faculty members who hold greater than a 50% administrative appointment.

Revision

Operating Paper of the Faculty and the Faculty Senate

II. The Faculty Senate

A. Composition

1. Types of Membership

- b. The elected members shall be members of the voting faculty elected as representatives of the voting units defined in Section II.A.2. Faculty members with greater than 50% administrative appointment are not eligible for election to the Faculty Senate. ~~These~~ Elected members shall be voting members of the Faculty Senate with the right of full debate.