

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

**Proposed Revisions to the Operating Paper of the
Faculty and Faculty Senate**

Ballot Item #1: Shall the Operating Paper of the Faculty and Faculty Senate be amended by changing Section II.A.2.c. as follows:

II. The Faculty Senate

A. Composition

2. Voting Units

- c. The Faculty Senate shall normally consist of ~~approximately~~ 32 members. The ~~term non-tenure track~~ faculty unit shall have two seats. The remaining thirty seats shall be apportioned ~~in the following manner: the total number of the university's tenured and tenure track voting faculty FTE shall be divided by 30 to achieve an apportionment index. The number of tenured and tenure track voting faculty FTE in each voting unit, save the term faculty unit, shall be divided by that index, and the quotient shall be rounded to the nearest whole number, thereby determining the representatives from that voting unit. among the voting units, save the non-tenure track faculty unit, using the Huntington-Hill Method according to the number of tenured and tenure track voting faculty FTE in each voting unit.~~ However, each voting unit shall have at least one representative, and no elected member shall be deprived of a seat on the basis of this reapportionment.
- d. The non-tenure track faculty shall constitute a single voting unit, ~~called the term faculty unit.~~ The voting units for the tenured and tenure track faculty shall consist of the Library Affairs unit and all degree-granting colleges and schools with at least 25 FTE associated faculty whose primary administrative officer is dean, except the Graduate School and any school within a college. Any academic unit with less than 25 FTE faculty may be considered a voting unit by a majority vote of the Faculty Senate.
- e. For voting purposes, tenured and tenure track faculty members will be associated with only one voting unit, which will normally be that in which they hold academic rank. If tenured and tenure track faculty members hold rank in two or more voting units, they will be associated with that unit in which they have their major appointment or duties. Otherwise, tenured and tenure track faculty members will choose the voting unit in which they vote, subject to previous limitations. Tenured or tenure track faculty members who do not hold rank in a voting unit, shall apply to the Faculty Senate Governance Committee for assignment to a voting unit. The assignment will be made to a related voting unit in accord with the wishes of the faculty involved to the

extent possible. Tenured and tenure track faculty assigned to a voting unit will be counted as faculty associated with that unit. Nontenure track faculty will be associated with the ~~term~~ non-tenure track faculty unit.

Rationale: The current method for apportionment does not always produce the same total number of senators. The Huntington-Hill method is one of several divisor methods that apportions seats in a way to produce a given number of representatives. This method always selects at least one representative for each unit and is designed to minimize the relative difference in representative share. (In this case, representative share is the ratio of Senators to faculty FTE.) The Huntington-Hill method is currently used to apportion seats for the U.S. House of Representatives. Even with this amendment, the total number of senators can exceed 32 when reapportionment reduces the number of senators for a unit, but all senators from that unit have unexpired terms. The phrase “term faculty unit” is replaced with the more accurate “non-tenure track faculty unit.”

Ballot Item #2: Shall the Operating Paper of the Faculty and Faculty Senate be amended by changing Section II.A.3.a. and adding Section II.A.3.g. as follows:

II. The Faculty Senate

A. Composition

3. Elections Process

a. Each voting unit shall nominate and elect by a ~~written~~ secret ballot the appropriate number of representatives from among its eligible voters.

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g. The Elections Committee may collect nomination and election ballots by mail or by electronic means. The Faculty Senate shall by a two-thirds vote adopt special rules of order prescribing the method by which ballots shall be collected. (See appendix 1.)

Rationale: This language brings the current election procedure into compliance with *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* by permitting the current practice of using mail ballots or alternatively permitting, for example, the use of new technologies for conducting balloting over the internet. The exact method of balloting is determined as a special rule of order that remains in effect until changed by a two-thirds vote. This will allow the Faculty Senate to adjust methods or change software vendors without a referendum amending the operating paper.