

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

***Resolution to Propose Revisions to the Operating Paper
of the Faculty and Faculty Senate***

WHEREAS there are currently only two seats on the Faculty Senate representing the non-tenure track faculty voting unit; and

WHEREAS there are approximately 600 FTE of non-tenure track faculty at SIUC (including the Medical School), giving non-tenure track senators about ten times the number of constituents as other senators; and

WHEREAS distribution formulas which would apportion the non-tenure track seats equitably among the various colleges and academic units would require grouping together various academic units for the purpose of electing a Senator, a task which would probably have to be based on random selection, since common interest among the various academic units would be minimal; and

WHEREAS the original purpose of including non-tenure track faculty in the Faculty Senate was to allow this constituency to be equitably represented as a body;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Operating Paper of the Faculty and the Faculty Senate be amended as follows:

II. The Faculty Senate

A. Composition

2. Voting Units

- c. The Faculty Senate shall normally consist of ~~32~~36 members. The non-tenure track faculty unit shall have ~~two~~six seats. The remaining seats shall be apportioned 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.

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. Nominees for non-tenure track seats will be accepted only from colleges or equivalent units which have fewer than two non-tenure track senators whose terms continue beyond the current academic year.