

**UNIVERSITY SENATE  
UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY  
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK**

Introduced by: Governance Council  
Date: October 2010

**Amendment RE: Senate Approval of Council Chairs**

IT IS HEREBY PROPOSED THAT THE FOLLOWING BE ADOPTED:

- That the proposed amendment of the University *Senate Charter* be adopted.
- That this amendment go into effect in Spring 2011

VIII.3.2. The election shall occur at an organizational meeting. An organizational meeting of each council shall be convened by the Vice Chair of the Senate or designee ~~before September 1, but no sooner than~~ approximately 2 weeks after the completion of election of Senators at Large. A slate of Chairs elect shall be forwarded to the Senate for approval by the ultimate spring meeting.

Rationale:

Under the current Charter, it is possible for the SEC to have disproportionate representation from a single unit. This does not follow the spirit of Bylaws, Article II, 2.3.2 which advocates proportional representation in the Senate:

The 44 Senators shall be allocated to the schools and colleges in proportion to the numbers of voting faculty members in each school or college; however, each school or college shall have at least one Senator and the School of Public Health shall have two Senators. A school or college shall not be deprived of a Senator because of shifting faculty ratios until the term of the Senator would normally have expired.

Approval of the Council Chairs gives the Senate, as a whole, responsibility for the composition of the SEC.

If the Senate does *not* approve the Council Chairs, councils will be asked to hold elections one more time. The results of the second election will be final.