

UNIVERSITY SENATE
UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Introduced by: Governance Council

Date: February 14th, 2017

FACULTY BYLAWS AMENDMENT for PART TIME REPRESENTATION

IT IS HEREBY PROPOSED THAT THE FOLLOWING BE ADOPTED:

- That the proposed amendment of the Faculty Bylaws below be adopted
- That these amendments go into effect immediately

Current Faculty Bylaws:

Article II Section 2: Composition of the Senate

2.2 There shall be eight Senators elected at large from the eligible Voting Faculty, of whom four shall be from among the Professional Faculty. In addition there shall be two Senators elected at-large from among the part-time faculty.

Proposed Revision to the Faculty Bylaws:

Article II Section 2: Composition of the Senate

2.2 At-Large Senators.

2.2.1 There shall be eight senators elected at-large from the eligible Voting Faculty, of whom four shall be from among the Professional Faculty.

2.2.2. There shall be two senators elected at-large from among the part-time faculty. **These senators shall be nominated by the Faculty; and elected by the Voting Faculty and the part-time faculty. Nominations for part-time senators are restricted to faculty whose primary appointment at the University at Albany is part-time and have been employed at the University at Albany for at least one year.**

Rationale:

Article I, Section 1.11 of The Faculty Bylaws Of the University at Albany describe the Voting Faculty as consisting of 1) the Chancellor, 2) the President, 3) all the full-time members of the Teaching Faculty, except: emeriti, instructors enrolled in degree programs and individuals holding appointments for less than one academic year; and 4) all full-time Professional Faculty except individuals holding appointments for less than one academic year.

Article II, Section 2 titled “Composition of the Senate” describes the various members of the Senate and who elects them: the Voting Faculty elect the Senators who represent the teaching faculty, the professional faculty, and the part-time faculty; students elect student Senators. Since part-time faculty are not part of the Voting Faculty, they are not enfranchised. This means that they cannot elect their own part-time At-Large Senator representatives.

This amendment seeks to remedy that situation by granting part-time faculty the right to vote for their own representatives to the Senate. It does alter the definition of the Voting Faculty.

Additionally, the amendment restricts nominations for representatives of part-time faculty to individuals who are truly part-time members of the faculty in order to ensure a faithful representation of part-time faculty concerns. The requirement that nominees for part-time at-large senator positions must have been employed at the University at Albany for at least one year describes the minimum level of commitment to our institution and the minimum familiarity with the role and concerns of the constituency that individuals holding Senate positions would need in order to fulfill their responsibilities.