

Charter Amendment to ensure better consultation

Section IV: Officers of the University Senate

In addition to those duties specified in the *Faculty Bylaws* Article II, Section 3.4:

IV.1. the Chair

IV.1.1. shall represent the Senate;

IV.1.2. shall meet regularly with the President;

IV. 1.3 shall advise the President on the principles of consultation with the University at Albany elected governance bodies as stated in the Faculty Bylaws and Senate Charter; and shall point out to the President the value of adhering strictly to these principles;

IV.1.4. shall assist the Secretary in preparation of the minutes;

IV.1.5. shall serve on the Committee on Council Nominations of the Governance Council;

IV.1.6. may serve as the Presiding Officer of the Faculty, as specified in *Bylaws* Article I Section 3.

Rationale

The last few years have seen successive turnovers in the senior management of the university. ~~Unfortunately, this has contributed to a less than appropriate implementation of~~Such transience has occasionally resulted in failure to adhere to the principles of consultation with the Faculty through its elected governance bodies as embodied in the Faculty Bylaws and the Senate Charter. (See the 2/23/09 Report by the Governance Council to the SEC.) It is critical that the administration avail itself of any and all opportunities to consult University at Albany elected governance bodies, consistent with the principles and articles contained in the Faculty Bylaws and the Senate Charter. Therefore, the Governance Council recommends that the Senate Chair be explicitly charged with the responsibility of informing future presidents of the requirement for consultation with University at Albany elected governance bodies.