

UNIVERSITY SENATE
UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Introduced by: Governance Council

Date: March 29, 2017

AMENDMENT RE: SECTION IX OF THE CHARTER

IT IS HEREBY PROPOSED THAT THE FOLLOWING BE ADOPTED:

- That the proposed amendment of the Charter of the University Senate below be adopted.
- That this amendment goes into effect immediately.

Current Charter of the University Senate

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Proposed Revision to the Charter of the Senate

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Rationale:

Bylaws Amendment 1415-10BA removed voting privileges from individuals who, by virtue of their administrative title, hold *ex-officio* positions on the Senate and its Councils

and Committees. At that point, the membership of the Senate became composed of voting members and *ex-officio* non-voting members. This charter amendment updates the rule for quorum required for amendments of the Charter to be based solely on the number of **voting** members of the Senate, for only voting Senators are able to cast a vote for such an amendment.