

Faculty Senate Action Item

Date: October 30, 2007

Number: 07-10

Subject: Revising the Faculty Senate Constitution

Description:

The Faculty Senate has voted to alter the make-up of the Academic Affairs Committee, and to require a “super majority” for decision making. The Senate Committee of the Whole decided that these changes should be reflected in our Constitution. The changes shown below, if adopted by the Faculty Senate and the General Faculty, would do this.

(Current language:)

E. The Academic Affairs Committee is charged with evaluating carefully and making recommendations to the Faculty Senate regarding: (1) all new undergraduate programs (majors, degrees, certificates and the like) proposed by any Major Academic unit of the University; (2) major revisions in such programs; (3) and new undergraduate academic programs or revisions to such programs that originate from units other than Major Academic Units. The primary concern of the committee shall be consistency of the proposed program with applicable University-wide guidelines and regulations, potential impact of the program on other established programs in the University, and financial implications of such new or revised programs. The Executive Committee may also delegate other matters to this committee.

(New paragraph:)

Membership of the Academic Affairs Committee consists of one Faculty Senate member from each Division within the College of Arts and Sciences, one from the School of Business, one from the School of Nursing, one from the School of Applied Studies, and one member from the University libraries, each elected for a one-year term by the Faculty Senate from its ranks. The committee selects its own chairperson. Decisions of the Academic Affairs Committee require the affirmative vote of six of the nine members; six members shall constitute a quorum to conduct business.

Requested Action:

Faculty senate approval

Originated by:

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