

## FACULTY AGENDA ITEM NO 15-04

Date: September 18, 2014

Submitted by: Jennifer Ball, President of Faculty Senate, x1840

SUBJECT: Proposed Faculty Senate Constitutional Amendment

Description: *To make section VI. Committees, E. Academic Affairs, more clear, and to have a contingency plan for representation in the case there are not enough senators from a Major Academic Unit or Mabee Library/CRC.*

Current wording:

VI. E. (second paragraph)

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Proposed wording:

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If possible, all faculty members of the Academic Affairs Committee should be senators. However, if a Major Academic Unit has three or fewer senators, or Mabee Library/CRC has only one senator, the Faculty Senate President may ask the relevant unit(s) to elect a non-senator to the Academic Affairs Committee or Faculty Affairs Committee to ensure adequate representation from this (these) unit(s). If appointments of non-senators must be made, the minimum proportion of the faculty members of the Academic Affairs Committee that will be senators is 2/3.

Rationale: This is being recommended because the constitutional requirement that the Academic Affairs and Faculty Affairs Committees each have two representatives from each major academic unit and one from Mabee/CRC becomes impossible if the two committees meet on the same day and time (usually the “off-Senate” Monday afternoons) and there are three or fewer senators from each major academic unit, or only one senator from the Mabee/CRC. (For example, at the present time we have one senator from Mabee, who is on Academic Affairs. This person cannot also attend Faculty Affairs.) This will also ensure senators from smaller units will not become overwhelmed with their senatorial duties.

Financial Implications: *None*

Proposed Effective Date: *Immediate*

Request for Action: *Approval from Faculty Senate, then General Faculty*

Approved by: *Faculty Senate on March 2, 2015*

Attachments No