

FACULTY AGENDA ITEM NO 15-05

Date: September 18, 2014

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

SUBJECT: Proposed Faculty Senate Constitutional Amendment

Description: *To have a contingency plan for representation in the case there are not enough senators from a Major Academic Unit or Mabee Library/CRC to staff the Academic Affairs Committee and the Faculty Affairs Committee*

Current wording:

VI. D. (second paragraph)

Membership of the 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 Law, 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.

Proposed wording:

Membership of the 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 Law, 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. If possible, all faculty members of the Faculty 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 request the relevant unit(s) 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 Faculty Affairs Committee that will be senators is 2/3.

Rationale: This is being recommended because the constitutional representation requirements of the Academic Affairs and Faculty Affairs Committee become impossible to fulfill if the two committees meet on the same day and time (usually the "off-Senate" Monday afternoons) and there are two or fewer

senators from each major academic unit, or only one senator from the School of Law or Mabee/CRC. (For example, at the present time we have one senator from Mabee Library, 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