

FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 16–06

Revision of Membership Requirements for Selected Faculty Senate Committees

Sponsored by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee

Whereas the Committee on Committees routinely monitors the membership of committees and seeks feedback concerning the effectiveness and convenience of the many and diverse configurations of Faculty Senate committees;

Whereas the Committee on Committees also studies the consistency of committee structure and membership with committee duties and with available faculty staffing;

Whereas reductions and other changes in the composition of the faculty have resulted in some minor but noteworthy inconsistencies between regulation and practice;

Whereas the Committee on Committees has therefore recommended a review of committee membership regulations;

Whereas the Faculty Senate Executive Committee completed the recommended review at its meeting of March 10th, 2016;

Therefore be it resolved that the Faculty Senate will implement the following changes in the committee membership requirements enumerated

in its bylaws.

1. The two ex officio members of the Benefits Advisory Committee will be appointed jointly by the Vice-President for Finance and Administration and the Faculty Senate Executive Committee rather than by the Provost and the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (rationale: matters relating to faculty benefits fall under the jurisdiction of Human Resources Management, which is now a division of Finance and Administration).
2. In the membership requirements for the Budget and Planning Advisory Committee, the line, “the members should be present or former members of the Executive Committee; present or former officers of a policy committee; or persons with appropriate experience” shall be reduced to “persons with appropriate experience” (rationale: for several years, the Committee on Committees has encountered difficulty in finding an adequate number of committee alumni; with an eye toward inclusivity, it has, therefore, looked for colleagues with other suitable experience).
3. Also in the membership requirements for the Budget and Planning Advisory Committee, the permission to the Provost and Executive Committee to appoint up to two additional ex officio members shall be revised to limit that permission to the Executive Committee (rationale: the committee monitors budget recommendations from the Office of Academic Affairs, hence should remain independent of it).
4. For the Internationalization Committee, the member appointed by the Office of Admissions shall be changed from a voting to a non-voting member; the student member shall be eliminated; and the number of faculty members on the

committee set at seven (rationales; the committee regulates at least some policies of the Office of Admissions, hence needs to vote independently of it; no student delegate has attended the committee meetings in many years, with students proving more helpful as advisors and consultants than as voting members; and the present membership of the committee has grown too large to allow for convenient scheduling of meetings).