

Rec. #2018-01-04 UNIVERSITY SENATE RECOMMENDATION TO THE PROVOST
The University Senate recommends approval of the proposal
to amend the Charter of the University Senate as presented by
the SEC (with friendly amendments highlighted in blue) at the
January 2018 meeting of the University Senate (01/18/2018).

Proposed Senate Charter Revisions

SECTION II. A. Composition

1. The term “faculty” for purposes herein is defined as all persons in the full-time employ of the University who hold faculty rank, **excluding all of the following:** visiting faculty, part-time faculty, **and/or faculty with one-year non-renewable appointments, and/or faculty who hold administrative positions that encompass personnel decisions.** The extended campus and the part-time faculty representatives selected to serve on the Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities Committee who must be members of the group they are to represent need not have “faculty” status as defined above.
6. Non-voting advisory members of the University Senate include: the President of the University, the Provost, the Academic Deans, the Dean of the Graduate School, the Dean of Libraries, **Department Heads,** the Faculty Regent (the Faculty Regent cannot also be an elected Senator representative), and a representative from the Staff Council.

SECTION II C. Elections

2. Under the direction of the Vice-Chair of the Senate assisted by the College representatives to the Executive Committee, departments shall hold elections for departmental Senators during odd-numbered years. In February of the election year, each department shall elect a representative to serve on the Senate. Elections shall be completed and the results reported to the College Dean and the Vice-Chair **of the Senate** by March ~~1st~~^{31st}. Any person eligible to serve as a Senator may participate in the election.
3. Under the direction of the Vice-Chair of the Senate assisted by the College representatives to the Executive Committee, colleges shall hold elections for at-large Senators during even-numbered years. In February of the election year, each department may nominate up to three faculty members to a pool from which its college’s at-large representatives shall be chosen. **College representatives to the Executive Committee shall send** ~~the~~ list of nominees for each college **to the Vice-Chair of the Senate, shall** ~~published online~~ who will work with appropriate parties in preparing the electronic ballot. ~~and if~~ Faculty within the college shall vote by electronic ballot, with the ballot being available for three days. The number of at-large Senators elected shall be based upon the current faculty numbers in each College per the Senate representation requirements set forth in Section II. Elections shall be completed and the results reported to the College Dean and the Vice-Chair **of the Senate** by March ~~1st~~^{31st}. Each eligible voter shall be permitted to vote for as many **nominees** ~~persons~~ as positions being filled. Those with the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. In the event of a tie, a drawing to determine the winner shall be conducted by the Vice-Chair **of the Senate.** **Any** ~~The~~ runners-up shall be placed in a pool from which replacements will be selected when vacancies occur. In each case, the **runner-up** ~~person~~ with the highest number of votes shall be selected.

4. At the ~~April~~ March Senate meeting, the Senate Executive Committee representative from each college, the Library, and the Student Government Association (SGA) shall hold a caucus of their Senate representatives elected to serve the following academic year to determine membership on each of the Senate standing committees. Between the March and April Senate meetings, each committee will hold a meeting in which continuing and incoming members elect a new Committee Chair whose term of office will begin on August 1st. Each committee shall report the results of these elections to the Vice-Chair no later than the April Senate meeting. The Vice-Chair, representatives from each college on the Senate Executive Committee, and the newly-elected Committee Chair will work together to assure that each ~~the~~ committee is fully staffed no later than the May Senate meeting and ready to begin work on August 1st of the upcoming ~~following~~ academic year. The Senate Executive Committee and the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee must have representation from each college, the Library, and the SGA. In the event that a college, the Library, or the SGA does not have enough elected senators to serve on the remaining standing committees of the Senate as required in Section IV (A), the elected representatives may appoint additional faculty/student members to fill the remaining committees, or the elected representatives may serve on more than one standing committee.