

Provost's Request to Change Faculty Handbook Policy on Procedures for Selecting Academic Deans

From Dr. Robert McKinney, Assistant Vice President for Faculty Affairs Currently in Policy XXIV Procedures for Selecting Academic Deans, it states that the Provost shall serve on the Qualifications-Screening-Nominating (QSN) Committee. I request that the Faculty Senate revise the policy to remove the Provost as the representative of the administration on the QSN Committee. Per the guidelines the QSN Committee transmits the top five candidates to the Provost. Therefore, it is a duplication of representation to have the Provost both serve on the QSN Committee and have the QSN Committee submit recommendations to the Provost. The following change is submitted for consideration. Documents XXIV, I, 6. Proposed change: The Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs shall designate one representative of the administration to serve. Present text: The Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs shall serve as the representative of the administration. A designated representation from the administration ensures that the Provost does not participate in the activities of the committee, giving the committee autonomy to nominate the top five candidates. As it is necessary to conduct searches to fill multiple deans' positions this year, it is requested that the Faculty Senate review the proposed change as quickly as possible.

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