

The Ways and Means Committee has drafted the following amendment to the Senate Constitution:

Proposed amendment to the Constitution regarding Senate membership (Article II, Section 2. Members): (added text is in **bold**, deleted text is lined through)

A. Permanent Members.

1. All faculty members with the rank of professor **not serving in an administrative capacity above the level of department chair or the equivalent** shall be permanent members. Appointment or promotion to the rank of professor confers permanent membership in the Faculty Senate. Permanent members shall be polled prior to the first meeting of each academic year to determine if they wish to be active members (one who states the intention to attend at least one-half of the regularly scheduled Senate meetings) during the year.
2. The Dean of the College of General Studies shall be a voting member of the Faculty Senate.

B. Elective Members.

1. Elective members of the Faculty Senate must be associate professors, assistant professors, instructors or adjunct faculty of the general faculty **not serving in an administrative capacity above the level of department chair or the equivalent** who have completed no less than one academic year of full-time employment at the University at the time of taking office.
2. Associate professors shall be elected in the proportion of one member per five associate professors or fraction thereof in each faculty unit of the University. Associate professor Senate members shall be elected for three-year terms and shall take office at the first meeting following election.
3. Assistant professors and instructors shall be elected in the proportion of one member per ten assistant professors and instructors or fraction thereof in each faculty unit of the University. Such members shall be elected for two-year terms and shall take office at the first meeting following election.
4. One adjunct faculty member shall be elected from each faculty unit of the University to serve a one-year term.

C. Ex-officio Members.

1. **Faculty members serving in an administrative capacity above the level of department chair or the equivalent are considered ex-officio members of Faculty Senate. Ex-officio members shall have full rights to participate in discussions and make motions, but may not vote.**