

To: President Scott Gordon
From: Faculty Senate
Date: April 1, 2021

On March 3, 2021, Faculty Senate voted by majority vote to propose a constitutional amendment to the Faculty Senate Constitution. The goal was to expand eligibility for the role of Chair-Elect to third-year senators.

Current Language: Article II, Section 2. The Chair-Elect shall be chosen by the membership of the Senate from among the first and second-year membership of the Senate and elected by the membership of the Senate. The Chair-Elect shall become acquainted with the duties and responsibilities of the Chairperson during the following academic year and assume the duties of the Chairperson the next academic year after election.

Proposed Change: Article II, Section 2. The Chair-Elect shall be chosen by the membership of the Senate from among the ~~{first and second year}~~ membership of the Senate and elected by the membership of the Senate. The Chair-Elect shall become acquainted with the duties and responsibilities of the Chairperson during the following academic year and assume the duties of the Chairperson the next academic year after election.

The procedure for a constitutional amendment, outlined in the Faculty Senate Constitution, is:

Section 1. Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by a majority vote of the Faculty Senate or a petition to the Faculty Senate signed by eight voting members of the faculty.

Section 2. Proposed amendments accepted by the Senate, or amendments proposed by the Senate, must be voted upon within thirty days after the Faculty Senate meeting in which they are approved. Petition amendments must be acted upon within thirty days of their being received by the Senate. Copies of the proposed amendments must be distributed to voting members of the faculty at least seven days prior to balloting.

Section 3. Amendments shall be ratified by secret ballot, by two-thirds of the votes cast on the amendment by the voting faculty.

Section 4. Amendments become official when approved by the President.

The amendment was proposed by vote of Faculty Senate on March 3, 2021. On March 17, faculty were notified via email of the proposed amendment. Voting on the amendment began on March 24 and ran until March 31, 2021. Voting results were collected on April 1, and the total was 109 votes in favor vs. 10 votes against the proposed amendment.

The Faculty Senate is submitting the amendment to you, President Gordon, for your consideration. If you approve, the amendment will go into effect for the senate officer elections for the upcoming 2021-2022 year.

Approved: _____



Date: _____

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