

## Faculty Handbook Committee

Issue: Voting Membership in Assembly of Full Faculty (Section 2.2.5 of the Faculty Handbook)

The **current** language:

### Faculty Meetings

Faculty meetings are conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (latest edition) with two exceptions approved by the faculty on September 6, 1976.

1. Amendment to the article concerning a motion to lay on the table: It is undebatable and cannot have any subsidiary motion applied to it, except that the person proposing the original motion, or someone designated by this person, may have the privilege of speaking for up to two minutes to the motion to table.

2. Amendment to the article concerning voting: A secret ballot will be used whenever requested by more than one person.

Second readings and votes are required for affirmative action on major issues, e.g., organization of the faculty, general education requirements and special academic programs. The presiding officer determines which issues are major. The agenda for a called meeting of the general faculty shall indicate which items will require two readings. If the general faculty wishes to reclassify an item, it must be done prior to the voting on the agenda item.

Voting privileges in faculty meetings are held by all full-time teaching members of the faculty and by those holding faculty status as shown in the official roster of faculty members. A simple majority of the voting faculty constitutes a quorum for the conduct of business.

The following revision specifically addresses underlined language in the last paragraph. The **proposed** language:

“Voting privileges in faculty meetings are held by individuals who have a full-time appointment with faculty rank.”

Reasons for Revision: 1) This revision clarifies the old language by omitting the ambiguous conjunction “and” that suggested categories for voting membership—i.e., categories that committee members unanimously agreed on as unnecessary or otherwise unsupported/undocumented elsewhere in the Handbook. 2) This language remains inclusive. 3) This language, e.g., “full-time appointment” and “faculty rank,” is consistent with university contracts. That is, regardless of one’s title, both full-time faculty and administrators are identified as individuals holding “faculty rank” according to our contracts.