

Proposal to Change Senate Bylaws Language related to the Faculty Administrative Relations Committee

Rationale

The process for electing FARC members is currently undefined.

Section 5.5.1 of the Faculty Handbook says: “Two committee members are elected each year for three-year terms by the full faculty in accordance with the Faculty Senate Bylaws.”

Yet, the Faculty Senate Bylaws does not contain any information about how the elections should be conducted.

The proposed bylaws change outlines the process by which the full faculty will elect two FARC members each year.

Current Bylaws Language

See responsibilities, membership, voting, and process in the Faculty Handbook, Chapter 5, Section V.

Proposed Bylaws Language

Consistent with the Faculty Handbook (Chapter 5, Section V), FARC consists of six faculty members in which two faculty members are elected each year to a three-year term by the full faculty. Members shall be elected from members of the faculty who meet the following criteria at the time of election: (1) full-time appointment with the rank, or equivalent rank, of associate professor/lecturer or higher; and either engage at least half time in teaching and/or academic research or serve as head of an academic department or hold rank as professional member of the library staff, with the exception of the Dean of the Library. The term of office for elected members will begin on August 1 and is a year-long commitment in which faculty must be available for a portion of the summer. Any ongoing cases that have not been closed prior to new members taking office will be completed by sitting members.

Nominations for FARC shall be solicited from the full faculty by April 1. The Secretary of the Senate shall issue to the faculty a description of membership criteria and faculty members eligible for nomination. Any full-time faculty member can nominate candidates to FARC. Elections shall be conducted via majority electronic vote of the full faculty. Election results shall

be determined by simple majority of the ballots as determined by Faculty Senate Executive Committee and announced by the Senate President to the faculty.

See responsibilities, membership, voting, and process in the Faculty Handbook, Chapter 5, Section V