Faculty Senate Oversight Committee
Minutes
February 16, 2010

Members Present: Trewin, Darveau, Bostic-Frederick, Summar, Nuss, Lillis, Snider
Absent: Amundson

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm. The only order of business was the change in the Constitutional language regarding apportionment. The changes approved by the committee are attached. The first page presents the proposed changes outside the document. The second page presents the changes within the Constitution itself.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Trewin

Proposed changes to the Faculty Senate Constitution for apportionment

Article II.A. Membership
Line 69 Delete “no more than” so the first sentence reads – “The Faculty Senate shall consist of 35 members.”

Article II.B.2. College Senators – Senators Representing Undergraduate Colleges
Line 94 Add “Thirty-one Senators shall represent the faculty in the four colleges and will be apportioned as follows:”
Delete “from its eligible faculty”
Line 95 Delete “,plus one Senator for each fifteen full-time faculty members in residence (or major fraction thereof) as of February 1 of each year.”
Add “and the remaining 19 Senate seats shall be apportioned to the colleges for election in proportion to the number of eligible faculty in the college relative to the total combined eligible faculty of the four colleges”
So the section reads
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Article II.B.2.a. College Apportionment:
Line 104 Delete “exceeding”
Add “greater or fewer”
So the section reads
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ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP, ELIGIBILITY, TERMS, AND ELECTIONS

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Article II.B. Eligibility/ineligibility to serve as Senator-at-Large, College Senator, and Standing Committee Faculty Member; College Apportionment; Terms of Office

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