

The UAF Faculty Senate passed the following at Meeting #174 on April 4, 2011:

MOTION:

The UAF Faculty Senate moves to amend the Bylaws of the University of Alaska Fairbanks Faculty Senate, Section 1, Article III: Membership. This amendment adds a new subsection *E. Changes in Unit Representation* that specifies how changes in unit representation on the Faculty Senate will be implemented, including changes that occur in during a representative's term of office.

EFFECTIVE: Fall 2011

RATIONALE: While the existing Bylaws specify how to handle vacancies in existing seats on the Faculty Senate, they do not specify how to implement changes in the number of seats that each unit has, nor changes in unit affiliation of sitting representatives. These issues have arisen in 2010-2011 with the transfer of the Department of Computer Science from CNSM to CEM, and with reapportionment of the Faculty Senate for the first time in at least a decade. The reapportionment takes effect with Faculty Senate elections in Spring, 2011.

The amendment to section *D. Vacancies* broadens the reasons for which an alternate should be appointed to fill a seat on the Faculty Senate. The existing language of the Bylaws, by specifying "death, resignation, or transfer of an elected representative of the Senate," limits appointment of alternates to those circumstances. The addition of "other reason why an elected representative can no longer represent the unit" allows for additional circumstances such as recall (procedure described in section *F. Absenteeism*), a change in unit affiliation of a sitting representative, or other unforeseen events.

The principles underlying the new section *E. Changes in Unit Representation* are: (1) sitting representatives should serve out their terms; and (2) adjustments to the number of representatives for each unit should be made at the time of regularly scheduled elections or by attrition, whichever occurs first.

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President, UAF Faculty Senate Date

CAPS = Addition

[[]] = Deletion

B. Representation shall be by academic or research unit and based on the number of qualifying faculty in each unit as described below.

C. Election Procedure

D. Vacancies

1. In the case of death, resignation, [[or]] transfer [[of an elected representative of the Senate]], **OR OTHER REASON WHY AN ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE CAN NO LONGER REPRESENT THE UNIT**, an alternate shall immediately become the representative. The president of the Senate will appoint a replacement **FROM AMONG THE UNIT'S ELECTED ALTERNATES**, with the concurrence of the affected constituency[[,]] and the consent of the Administrative Committee.

E. CHANGES IN UNIT REPRESENTATION

1. **CHANGES IN A UNIT'S NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE FACULTY SENATE SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED AT THE TIME OF THE NEXT SCHEDULED ELECTION. REDUCTIONS IN A UNIT'S NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES SHALL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY ATTRITION, AS TERMS EXPIRE. INCREASES IN A UNIT'S NUMBER OF SENATE REPRESENTATIVES SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED THROUGH ELECTION OF ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIVES AT THE NEXT SCHEDULED ELECTION.**
2. **REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD SERVE OUT THE TERMS TO WHICH THEY ARE ELECTED. THIS INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO REPRESENTATIVES WHO HOLD OFFICE AT A TIME OF REAPPORTIONMENT OF THE FACULTY SENATE, AND THOSE WHOSE UNIT AFFILIATION CHANGES DURING A TERM OF OFFICE. IF THE REPRESENTATIVE IS NO LONGER AFFILIATED WITH THE UNIT FROM WHICH THEY WERE ELECTED, THEN AN ALTERNATE SHALL BE APPOINTED AND BOTH SHALL SERVE CONCURRENTLY TO THE END OF THE TERM. THIS MAY LEAD TO A TEMPORARY INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES SERVING ON THE FACULTY SENATE.**

[[E.]] F. Absenteeism

[[F.]] G. Recall