

The UAF Faculty Senate did not pass the following proposed motion at Meeting #185 on October 8, 2012:

MOTION:

The UAF Faculty Senate moves to amend the Bylaws of the University of Alaska Fairbanks Faculty Senate, Section 1, Article III: Membership, subsection B (page 14). This amendment removes a requirement that all represented units have at least 2 Senators.

EFFECTIVE: November 2012

RATIONALE: Apportionment of representatives on the Faculty Senate is calculated based on the number of qualifying faculty in the unit. Units with as few as 9 faculty now qualify for representation, and for the smallest units the “minimum 2 senators” rule (plus 1 alternate) requires participation by up to one third of their faculty at all times. This is likely to result in unwilling and/or unrepresentative Senators, serving neither the interests of the unit nor of the Faculty Senate.

This amendment to the bylaws would drop the “minimum 2 senators” rule, so that the smallest units would be represented by 1 senator rather than 2. It would not change whether or not a unit qualified for representation on the Faculty Senate.

This change would go into effect with the upcoming reapportionment in November 2012 and would affect elections in Spring 2013.

CAPS = Addition

[[]] = Deletion

Sect. 1 (ART III: Membership)

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

[[7. Each unit will have at least 2 representatives.]]