

The UAF Faculty Senate did not pass the following 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, subsections A and B (pages 13-14). This amendment increases the target number of elected seats in the Faculty Senate.

EFFECTIVE: November 2012

RATIONALE: The Bylaws specify a target number of 35 elected senators, to be apportioned among the units according to the number of qualifying faculty in each unit. In practice, because of the “minimum 2 senators” rule that is addressed by a separate motion the UAF Faculty Senate has had 37 senators for approximately a decade until reapportionment in Fall 2010. This reapportionment added two small units and increased the size of the Faculty Senate to 39 elected members. That is the current size.

The Faculty Senate functions well with 39 elected senators, and it is easier to fully staff the Standing and Permanent Committees with this larger number of senators. If the Faculty Senate removes the rule that all units have a minimum of 2 senators without making other changes to the Bylaws, the number of senators will drop to the Bylaws’ target level of 35 senators. This amendment would enable the Faculty Senate to remain at its present size if the “minimum 2 senators” rule is removed. All seats would be distributed proportionately, according to the number of faculty in each unit.

This change would go into effect with the next reapportionment and would affect the first elections thereafter.

CAPS = Addition

[[]] = Deletion

Sect. 1 (ART III: Membership)

- A. The membership of the Faculty Senate, hereinafter referred to as "Senate," shall consist of approximately **45** ~~[[41]]~~ members plus one non-voting presiding officer. Approximately **39** ~~[[35]]~~ members shall be elected by and from the faculty and will have voting privileges.

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

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4. Each unit will elect the number of representatives to the Senate equal to the number of qualifying faculty in that unit divided by the total number of qualifying faculty at UAF, multiplied by **39** **[[35]]** and rounded to the nearest integer.