

The following was passed at the March 5, 2010, Faculty Senate Meeting #165:

MOTION:

The UAF Faculty Senate moves to amend the Bylaws of the University of Alaska Fairbanks Faculty Senate, Section 1, Article III: Membership, subsections B.2 through B.5 (page 13). This amendment removes the use of Full Time Faculty Equivalents (FTFE) in reapportionment calculations for Faculty Senate representation.


EFFECTIVE: Fall 2010

RATIONALE: The current bylaws for Faculty Senate reapportionment specify that each faculty member with at least a 75% faculty appointment will be counted as 1 Full Time Faculty Equivalent (FTFE), and those with less than 75% faculty appointment must be counted as a fractional FTFE calculated by their actual appointment divided by 75%.

The Bylaws specify this calculation in terms of hours of annual academic appointment. These data are not stored electronically anywhere at UAF, and they change annually with faculty workloads. Obtaining the data for this calculation requires a large investment of time and effort, as they must be compiled manually from faculty appointment letters. This procedure was followed for the 2008-2009 reapportionment calculation. The result was that this labor-intensive adjustment for faculty with less than 75% appointments made no difference in the apportionment of Senate representation among the units. With this amendment, the FTFE adjustment will be dropped from the reapportionment calculation and faculty will qualify for representation simply by holding academic rank or special academic rank.

Furthermore, dropping the use of FTFE adjustments, and instead counting each qualifying faculty member as one whole individual, helps to bring the apportionment procedure in line with the voting procedure in which each qualifying faculty member has one whole vote.

Regarding the new section numbers, note that a new section B.3 is proposed in a separate motion on split appointments.

 18 March 2010

President, UAF Faculty Senate Date

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B. Representation shall be by academic or research unit **AND BASED ON THE NUMBER OF QUALIFYING FACULTY** [[and based on the number of full-time faculty equivalent (FTFE)]] in each unit as described below.

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2. For representational purposes only, a **QUALIFYING** faculty member shall be defined as one who holds academic rank or special academic rank.

[[3. Each faculty member whose annual academic appointment equals or exceeds 1560 hours will be considered 1 FTFE.]]

[[4. Each faculty member whose annual academic appointment is less than 1560 hours will be considered a fractional FTFE with the fraction being the number of hours of annual academic appointment divided by 1560.]]

4 [[5]]. Each unit will elect the number of representatives to the Senate equal to the number of **QUALIFYING FACULTY** [[FTFE]] in that unit divided by the total **NUMBER OF QUALIFYING FACULTY AT UAF** [[FTFE]], multiplied by 35 and rounded to the nearest integer.

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C. Election Procedure

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3. Units with full-time permanent faculty based on other than the Fairbanks campus should elect Senate representatives in a number that is at least equal to the proportion of the non-Fairbanks based **QUALIFYING FACULTY** [[FTFEs]].