

NCSU Faculty Senate – Governance Committee 2013-2014 Report

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1- Senate Representation for EPA/Non-Faculty

In reviewing the current list of approximately 200 EPA/non-faculty individuals impacted, there are those who warrant continued representation in the Faculty Senate by nature of their duties; the converse is also true (there are individuals currently represented in the Faculty Senate who may be better served through representation in the Staff Senate). The goal is to ensure representation in the Senate that most closely aligns with the individual's role in the University. In the spring of 2013, the co-chairs corresponded with Barbara Carroll and met with Betsy Brown, and the committee as a whole developed a proposal for action. The proposal was moved to the fall 2013 agenda for further consideration.

The recommendation regarding this issue is to follow the General faculty Bylaws Article II, Sections 2 and 3 as below:

Article II, Section 2 of NC State General faculty Bylaws: *Definition of voting membership in the General Faculty of NC State:*

Persons eligible for voting membership in the General Faculty of North Carolina State University are those full time (FTE ³ 0.75 benefit eligible) regular faculty, i.e., tenured and tenure track; full time special faculty, *except field faculty; faculty in the Phased Retirement Program; and Emeritus Faculty*. All current members of the General Faculty retain their status. Faculty who are working towards degrees at North Carolina State University are not eligible. Emeriti are not counted in the apportionment of Senate seats among the various colleges, or in the quota requirements for any matter of University-wide voting.

Article II Section 3:

Any questions with regard to eligibility for voting membership in the General faculty shall be made by a *vote of the Executive Committee of the Faculty senate*.

2- Procedure for Replacing a Senator who Resigns or is on Leave

The committee proposed an amendment to the Faculty Senate Bylaws as follows:

The Chair of the Faculty with the remaining college faculty Senators appoint someone from within the same college who agrees to serve as a replacement for the resigned Senator or the Senator on leave until the next annual election

The amendment was approved by the Faculty Senate majority vote.

3- Eligibility for Senate Membership

The recommendation regarding this issue is to follow the General faculty Bylaws Article II, Sections 2 and Article VI section 5a as shown below:

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Article VI, Section 5a of NC State bylaws: *Eligibility for membership in the Faculty Senate:*
Eligibility for membership in the Faculty Senate is the same as for voting membership in the General Faculty except that those holding titles above the head of department shall not be eligible.

4- Faculty Senate Representatives on University Committees

The Governance Committee recommended that the Chair of the Faculty announce the vacancies and call for Senate members to serve. The vacancies are: Art Acquisition, Bookstore, Copyright, Dining, Harrelson Fund, and Student Health.

5- CVM Clinical Faculty and Senate

There was a suggestion regarding the CVM Clinical Faculty representation in the Senate. It was suggested that due to the significant time that Clinical Track faculty must serve in the clinics, two half-time Clinical Track faculty may be elected to serve jointly. The two faculty will have ONE vote to be cast by the faculty attending the regular senate meetings. However, the committee determined that this is not practical and will be left without any further action.

6- University Standing Committees Assignments

The Co-Chairs of the Governance Committee met with Donna Johnson and Amy Jinnette, to appoint faculty to the vacant seats in the University Standing Committees. All assignments were completed on April 8, 2014.

7- Resolution to Oppose Academic Boycotts

The proposed resolution reads:

Whereas North Carolina State University endorses academic freedom, national and international scholarly exchanges, and open research conduct;

Whereas scholarly organizations should have as their primary function education and research, and encourage joint research endeavors, publications, and scholarly exchanges;

Whereas academicians and scholars should be free to pursue their intellectual conduct with as few restrictions as possible;

Therefore be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of North Carolina State University opposes boycott statements by scholarly organizations against academic groups or institutions.

The resolution was approved by the Faculty Senate majority vote on April 15, 2014.