

President, Secretary, and immediate Past President shall attend meetings of the Board of Trustees.

Any resolution passed by the Faculty Senate shall be communicated in writing directly to the University President within 14 days. Any decision by the University President to reject a Faculty Senate resolution, or failure to respond within 30 days to a resolution made by the Faculty Senate, may be appealed to the Board of Trustees upon request by ballot of a minimum of 51% of the total membership of the Faculty Senate.

ARTICLE II. REPRESENTATION AND STRUCTURE

2.1 Whereas the Faculty Senate represents the University Faculty at large, Faculty members in each of the free standing departments, colleges, schools and libraries (i.e., academic units) of the University shall be eligible for election to the Faculty Senate. Full time faculty members eligible for election to the Faculty Senate are those below the rank of Assistant/Associate Dean or Director including those of the rank of Instructor, Senior Instructor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Full Professor, or equivalent.

2.2 Faculty Senators will be elected to three year terms by each of the academic units of the University. Faculty Senators holding joint appointments in more than one academic unit must choose which academic unit they will be representing on the Senate. A Faculty Senator, if elected, may serve a second consecutive three year term. An elected member completing a term of not more than one year for an absent Faculty Senator shall be eligible to serve two consecutive b F edlig A sor

2.5 The Faculty Senate President and Secretary will receive one course reassigned time per semester. The Vice President will receive one course reassigned time per year.

2.6 The Faculty Senate Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, immediate Past President, and the Chair of each Standing Senate Committee put forth in the Bylaws.

2.7 The body of elected Senators from each academic unit shall constitute the respective Caucus for that academic unit. Caucus Leaders for each academic unit shall be elected according to procedures specified in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE III. AMENDMENTS

3.1 Amendments to this Constitution shall originate within the Faculty Senate. Each amendment shall be proposed and debated during a meeting of the Faculty Senate, and following further debate, as appropriate, shall be voted on at the next meeting of the Faculty Senate.

3.2 Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by three fifths vote of the Senate. The faculty shall be notified of proposed amendments by both print and electronic means at least thirty (30) days prior to voting and an open forum to discuss will be offered two weeks before the vote if requested. Voting must be completed within a specific interval of time, not to exceed 120 days, agreed upon by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee before the University wide referendum is initiated. The amendment does not become official until a majority of the faculty has voted on the proposed amendment and a majority of those voting approve.