

Composition of Faculty Senate Body

Voted to amend FS Constitution to reflect new academic department reorganization

- New model has 18 departments
- One issue – some of the departments only have 2 faculty members
 - o Might not have any tenured faculty

- One senator suggested looking tackling this issue by first looking at what committees need reps
 - o One senator suggested that Academic Review Committee is important to have representation
 - Counterpoint – ARC gets reviewed by Faculty Senate, so there is oversight beyond that committee
 - Things can be undone in Faculty Senate – nothing is written in stone
 - Also if a department is being discussed, they can send a guest presenter
 - Suggestion to keep at 12 – and have 4 reps per school
 - Counterpoint – for small programs, they probably wouldn't be represented well
 - Suggestion to move membership requirement from tenured to Associate Professor
 - ARC has already made the exception a few times to allow non-tenured people to serve
 - Tentative decision to move ARC to 18 (one per program) – and programs can opt out of naming rep, if they choose

 - o Another suggested Rank, Promotion, and Tenure is crucial to have representation because of the confidentiality
 - RPT decisions aren't reviewed by Faculty Senate
 - Suggestion to amend the Constitution that every department has a representative on RPT
 - Would increase committee size from 12 to 18
 - Question to add language about what happens when there isn't someone eligible to be on RPT – what happens if nobody is tenured?

- Faculty Senate
 - o Want to move to 18 members, will modify Constitution

Tabled until next meeting. President Perlinski will type up the notes and coalesce them into proposals to send out. Vote will be February 7