

To: Faculty Senate Bylaws Committee
From: David Carney, Faculty Senate Bylaws Committee Chair
Date: March 5, 2014
RE: *Language clarifying which body of a constituent faculty is considered to be the “Executive Committee” for purposes of Bylaws and Faculty Handbook.*

In light of a current conflict in one constituent faculty, I have been asked to draft language to clarify which body of a constituent faculty should be considered to be the “Executive Committee or corresponding **agency**entity” for purposes of the Faculty Constitution and Faculty Senate Bylaws.

Proposal: Make changes to Bylaws VII (committees) and X (approval of bylaws of constituent faculties), and Constitution Article VI (committees). Specific changes shown in redline below:

BY-LAW VII. Committees

Item b. Executive Committee.

The membership and functions of the Executive Committee shall be as provided in the Constitution, Article VI, Section A, excepting that, in addition to the functions therein specified, the Executive Committee shall also assume the following responsibilities:

Each elected faculty member on the Executive Committee serves ex officio on his or her constituent faculty executive committee or corresponding agency entity; as provided in the Constitution Article VI, Sec. A, Par. 1, and Faculty Senate Bylaw X. Therefore, he or she each Executive Committee member should report to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee at least once during the year about issues affecting his or her constituent faculty.

FACULTY SENATE BY-LAW X.

Faculty Senate Policy On Approval of By-Laws of Constituent Faculties

Pursuant to the Constitution, Article VII, Section A, Paragraph 4, specifying that the By-laws of each constituent faculty shall provide that the decision-making processes of its government be essentially democratic, approval by the Faculty Senate of the Charters and By-laws of constituent faculties will normally be contingent on the inclusion in such documents of provisions to the following effects:

1. That a majority of the members of the Executive Committee (or corresponding ~~agency~~entity) of a constituent faculty shall be voting members of the faculty elected by the faculty, and further, that the committee shall report to the faculty as the author of its responsibility. In the event of a question as to ~~The constituent faculty may recommend to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee~~ which body of the constituent faculty is ~~should be considered to be~~ the Executive Committee or corresponding ~~agency~~entity for purposes of Article VI of the Faculty Constitution, the constituent faculty may make a recommendation to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. Such a recommendation must be made by vote of the constituent faculty, and the Faculty Senate Executive Committee shall have the power to approve or reject such a recommendation.

Faculty Handbook, Constitution of University Faculty, Chapter 2

ARTICLE VI. Committees of the Faculty Senate

Sec. A. Executive Committee

Par. 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of fourteen persons. The president of the University, or, in the absence of the president, a designee of the president; the provost; the chair of the Faculty Senate; the vice chair of the Faculty Senate; the immediate past chair of the Faculty Senate; the secretary of the University Faculty shall be members ex officio. In addition, there shall be eight faculty members of the Faculty Senate, one representing each of the constituent faculties, elected at large by the Faculty Senate for one-year terms. Each of the elected members of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee shall serve ex officio on the faculty executive committee or corresponding agency entity of his or her constituent ~~faculty~~faculty. ~~pursuant to Faculty Senate Bylaw X.~~ A member may be successively re-elected to membership of the Executive Committee for the duration of his or her term as a member of the Faculty Senate. The chair of the Faculty Senate or, in the absence of the chair, the vice chair shall serve as chair of the Executive Committee.