

Second Proposed Revision – as amended: 1.2.3.1 Chairperson of the Senate

*Proposed R&P Text (Additions in **bold red**, deletions are ~~strikethrough~~)*

The Chairperson of the Senate - as the senior representative of the faculty and the leader of the faculty component of the University governance system - shall be a Tenured Associate or Full Professor and a current member of the senate. The Chairperson will serve a two-year term with the possibility of a single two-year extension in the case of extraordinary circumstances such as absence of a Vice Chairperson. The Chairperson will notify the Executive Committee requesting an extension at least two weeks before the final Senate meeting of the academic year. An extension for the Chairperson requires a majority vote of the Senate. Except in the extraordinary circumstances discussed below, the Vice Chairperson will be elected **at the final Senate meeting of the academic year**. ~~no later than May 1st~~ by a majority vote ~~from~~ of the current voting members of the Senate for a two-year term. ~~The qualifications for the Vice-Chairperson are the same as the qualifications for the Chairperson.~~ **To be elected as Vice Chairperson a faculty member must be a current member of the Senate or a Senator-elect.**

If the Chairperson has reached the end of their term in office or the position of Chairperson is otherwise vacant, then the Vice-Chairperson will automatically become Chairperson of the Senate unless two-thirds of the Senate vote to block this automatic promotion. If the Senate votes to block this promotion or the position of Vice-Chairperson is vacant, the Senate will elect a new Chairperson and a new Vice-Chairperson by a majority vote as soon as possible.

If at the end of their term as Vice-Chairperson, the current Chairperson has received an extension then the Vice-Chairperson will automatically serve an additional two year as Vice-Chairperson unless two-thirds of the Senate votes to block this extension. However, if a two-year extension of the Vice-Chairperson would result in them continuously serving more than eight years in the Senate then the Senate will elect a new Vice-Chairperson by a majority vote.

Justification

Two changes to reduce ambiguities.

First, R&P 1.2.3.1 states a May 1st date for the election of the Vice Chairperson but “Two weeks before the final Senate meeting” for the Chairperson to notify the Senate if they are seeking an extension. This amendment achieves consistency by changing the May 1st requirement to the final Senate meeting

Second, it is not clear whether a Senator-elect can be elected to be Vice Chairperson. This amendment makes it clear that a Senator-elect are eligible.

Note that the black text includes amendments approved by the Senate at the September 1st and October 6th Senate Meetings.