

## 1.2.2 Size and Composition of the Faculty Senate

Fourth paragraph:

The regular Senate term will begin on ~~July 1<sup>st</sup>~~ **June 1<sup>st</sup>**. The standard term of an elected member of the Senate will be four years unless the member is completing the term of another Senator. With a single exception, any Senator who has served two sequential terms is ineligible for re-election until after a full two-year absence from the Senate. The exception is when the Senate Chairperson's extension in office would put them beyond the eight-year mark. In this case, the Chairperson will remain in the Senate until the end of their tenure in office.

## 1.2.3 Senate Leadership

### 1.2.3.1 Chairperson of the Senate

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. The Senate will elect the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson by majority vote from the voting members of the Senate for two-year terms with the possibility of a single two-year extension for the Chairperson. An extension for the Chairperson requires a majority vote of the Senate. **During June, the existing Chairperson will hold Senate elections for a new Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson who will take office on July 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Rationale:

Currently, either the newly elected Senate members do not participate in the election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson or there is a gap in Senate leadership between when the Senate term begins and when the elections of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson occur.

Therefore, the proposed amendments have two components.

- 1) The regular Senate term will begin a month earlier on June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 2) The Senate, including those representatives who began their terms on June 1<sup>st</sup>, will elect the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson who will take office on July 1<sup>st</sup>.