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Motion:

The senate respectfully asks that all faculty who are serving in full time twelve months administrative positions (whether permanent or interim) decline to serve as voting members of the faculty senate or of senate committees; the senate also respectfully asks that all faculty who serve as voting members of the faculty senate and of senate committee and are subsequently appointed to full time administrative positions (whether permanent or interim) resign as voting members from their senate seat and from all senate committees on which they are serving.

Rationale:

The Board of Regents defines "faculty" in the broadest terms which includes administrators. Faculty who receive interim administrative appointments retain faculty contracts. Traditionally faculty who accept administrative appointments resign from the senate and from senate committees as voting members. To uphold this tradition and maintain representatively, I would like the Senate to codify this tradition.

Response:

Minutes 11/27/2012: Discussion centered on this being a request to administrators to step aside from membership on the Senate or Senate committees, not a requirement, because BOR policy designates some administrators as "faculty" and because who is and who is not an administrator is often a dicey question and needs to be determined on a case-by-case basis; and on the fact that this motion would formalize the traditional but informal situation already in place. The motion was Approved.