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*Approved by the Senate: 10/15/2009 to send to Faculty Welfare Committee*

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# Eligibility of Full-time Lecturer and Temporary Faculty to Run for Senate Seats and Other Elected Positions

Submitted by Cliffton Price

10/7/2009

## **Motion:**

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I move for the Faculty Senate to recognize the eligibility of full-time lecturer and temporary faculty to run for elected faculty positions at Georgia Southern University.

## **Rationale:**

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There is no restriction in the Board of Regents Policy Manual, Georgia Southern University's Statutes, Faculty Handbook, or Faculty Senate Bylaws against full-time lecturer or temporary faculty members running for elected faculty positions. They are recognized by both the Board of Regents and Georgia Southern University as part of the "Corps of Instruction," yet, unlike other members of said body, they are without representation on the Faculty Senate, the Faculty Grievance Committee, and other university committees whose membership is decided upon through elections. Because faculty on full-time lecturer and temporary lines are not guaranteed employment from year to year, it may be a concern that electing these faculty to the longer term of a Faculty Senator or other elected faculty position might suggest such a guarantee to those faculty elected. However, tenure-track faculty who are elected a year or two before either their third-year or five-year reviews are not guaranteed employment for the entirety of their terms either. Thus, being elected is in no way guarantee of employment.

## **SEC Response:**

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The SEC voted 10/15/2009 to send to Faculty Welfare Committee.

### **Senate Response:**

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Michael Moore (COE), Senate Moderator, reported on the October 7th Motion Request by Clifton Price titled "Eligibility of Full-time Lecturer and Temporary Faculty to Run for Senate Seats and Other Elected Positions." The motion was: "I move for the Faculty Senate to recognize the eligibility of full-time lecturer and temporary faculty to run for elected faculty positions at Georgia Southern University." The Senate Executive Committee, meeting on October 15th, voted unanimously to send the motion to the Faculty Welfare Committee for its recommendation. Moore sent the following email message to the chair, Sonya Huber: "At the SEC meeting at 10/15 we voted to send the motion request from Clifton Price to the Faculty Welfare Committee for a recommendation. I am attaching a document that has any and all references to temporary faculty in Senate business and a pdf of a memo from Dr. Grube from September 2007 clarifying the distinction between non-tenure track faculty and full-time temporary faculty. Muddying the waters is your own recent discussion as reported in our minutes on lecturers and senior lecturers and how this classification may play into the issue. I've copied this email to the President, Provost, and Marc Cyr who wrestled with this issue as our previous moderator and may serve you as a resource person.

As if we needed more complications, The BOR created a new website launched on September 21, 2009." <http://www.usg.edu/policymanual/>. Moore added, "It looks like a reformatting of the old manual; however, in a profession where sentence parsing is a fine art, you may want to take a look at these new parsings and see if they have any bearing on faculty classifications. We'll await recommendation from the Faculty Welfare Committee, and after that then we'll announce the recommendation to the Senate."