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Bylaws Revision: census and apportionment

Submitted by: Jim LoBue

6/4/2003

Motion

Its purpose is to follow up on the vote taken by faculty senate in April to amend in principle the Bylaws to include specific reference to census and apportionment.

This motion is self-contained and provides a rationale at the end. It described the exact amendment to the Bylaws.

Proposed changes to the Bylaws (details)

Motion:

I move that Article II, Section 1, Article IV, Section 17, and Article III, Section 5 be amended as follows,

Article II

Current

Section 1. Membership criteria are described in detail in Article V of the Statutes of Georgia Southern University.

Changed to

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a. each college and the Library will have the total number of its

regular full-time faculty divided by 15; for every 15 faculty members, or major portion thereof (i.e. 8-14) that unit will receive a Senate seat to be filled by election following each unit's election process.

b. no unit shall have fewer than 2 senate seats, even if that means apportioning a seat to a unit that is not strictly called for by the ratio in part a of this section.

c. should apportionment calculations direct a reduction in a unit's number of senate seats, no sitting senator will be removed; that seat will be eliminated when the first senator of that unit to reach his or her term limit rotates off the senate. Also, no unit will lose more than one seat in any given year, the SEC being charged with adjusting the terms of elected senators so that the staggered term rotation of senators in a unit will not be jeopardized.

Article IV

Current

Section 17. The responsibilities of the ELECTIONS COMMITTEE shall be as follows:

a. coordinate the election of faculty to the Senate according to the procedures set forth in the University Statute;

b. coordinate any other Senate elections as directed by the Senate Executive Committee;

c. address other specific questions in this area that may be requested by the Senate Executive Committee;

d. report to the Librarian, the Senate Executive Committee, and the Senate as described in Article IV, Section 3.; and

e. Work with the President's office to coordinate elections to University committees with Faculty Senate elections. Monitor elections to University committees, including the Faculty Grievance Committee when requested by the President.

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- e. Work with the President's office to coordinate elections to University committees with Faculty Senate elections. Monitor elections to University committees, including the Faculty Grievance Committee when requested by the President; and
- f. conduct apportionment calculations annually in January using the regular full-time faculty count available from the Provost. The committee will report their findings to the Senate Executive Committee, which will notify the election committees of the individual units re: those findings and how many seats they have open for election.

Article III

Current

Section 5

- n. review and revise as appropriate the apportionment of Senators from the colleges and the library according to the Statutes;
- o. adjust term limits of committee members and Senators as necessary to ensure appropriate continuity and apportionment; and

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- n. review and revise as appropriate the apportionment of Senators from the colleges and the library according to the Statutes; (See Article II, Section I and Article IV, Section 17)
- o. adjust term limits of committee members and Senators as necessary to ensure appropriate continuity and apportionment; (See Article II, Section I and Article IV, Section 17)

Rationale:

At the April meeting of the faculty senate, we approved these changes with a minor amendment. Specifically, we must use the words "regular full-time" faculty whenever referring to apportionment in order to be consistent with the Statutes.

This motion simply fulfills the wishes of the Faculty Senate in detail. We have split the April 2003 adoption between two different sections of the Bylaws. Three of the original points define the specifics of apportionment and therefore belong under Article II while the fourth point discusses the responsibilities of the Senate Elections Committee and therefore belongs in Article IV which describes Senate Elections Committee responsibilities. Finally, it seems prudent to add, wherever older language refers to apportionment, a reference to the newly created specifics. This occurs in Article III.

Respectfully Submitted by
Jim LoBue

Response:

Minutes 6/25/2003: Jim LoBue's Motion to Amend the Bylaws (Apportionment and Census Taking) Pursuant to the 4/24/03 Senate approval in principle of new Senate apportionment and faculty census procedures, LoBue presented to the Senate the formal changes to the by-laws required to put those procedures into effect. Seconded and approved.