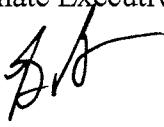


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TO: Dr. Marc Cyr, Chair, Senate Executive Committee
FROM: Bruce Grube, President 
DATE: September 18, 2007
SUBJECT: Eligibility

You have posed a question regarding the eligibility of temporary, non-tenure track faculty to serve the Faculty Senate as Senators, and as members of Senate committees. Also at issue is their eligibility to vote. Under Article II, Section 4 of the Statutes, the President is charged with deciding questions of interpretation of the Statutes. I have considered the questions and provide the following interpretations.

1. Eligibility of Temporary Faculty to serve as Senators.

The University's commitment to employ a temporary faculty member is one academic year in duration. Though the University's contractual commitment to non-tenured tenure track faculty is similar, in the case of temporary faculty the University's intention is that the faculty member's employment will not continue. It is inconsistent with that intention for a temporary faculty member to undertake to serve a three year term on the Faculty Senate.

Article V, Section 8 of the Statutes limit eligibility for Faculty Senate service to "regular full-time faculty" holding academic rank. Based on the above, "regular full-time faculty" shall be interpreted so as to exclude temporary faculty.

2. Eligibility of Temporary Faculty to serve on Faculty Senate Committees.

Article IV, Section 1 of the Faculty Senate Bylaws provide that all members of the University's faculty, staff, and students may serve on committees. However, in subsequent sections of Article IV limitations are imposed on membership in Senate Standing Committees, including an expectation that an appointment will be two years in duration. While it is generally permissible

for temporary faculty to serve on committees, such service should not be inconsistent with the principle that a temporary appointment is not intended to exceed one academic year in duration.

3. Eligibility of Temporary Faculty to Vote in Senatorial Elections.

All full-time faculty are eligible to vote in Senatorial elections. Part-time or adjunct faculty members are not eligible to vote.

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