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TO: Dr. Marc D. Cyr, Chair, Senate Executive Committee  
FROM: Bruce Grube, President   
DATE: November 10, 2003  
SUBJECT: October 16, 2003, Faculty Senate Recommendation:  
Revision of the Senate Bylaws III.8 re: Senate Officers

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Following receipt of the Faculty Senate's recommendation at the October 16, 2003, Faculty Senate meeting by Senate Executive Committee Chair Marc D. Cyr, which states that the current Bylaws III.8 should be struck and the following revision substituted:

The Senate Secretary and the Senate Librarian shall be sitting senators or senators-elect elected by the Senate at its final meeting of the spring semester. The Chair of the Senate Executive Committee shall be a sitting senator and elected by the Senate at the final meeting of the fall semester preceding the beginning of his or her term. These three Senate officers shall serve one-year terms beginning with the first day of the following academic year and may succeed themselves for no more than one additional term (a total of two consecutive years). Persons elected to these positions must have had at least one year of service on the Faculty Senate prior to the start of the term to which they have been elected.

**Rationale:**

Because the SEC Chair votes to break ties, he/she should be an elected senator with the senatorial right to vote.

Much SEC work is done prior to the date of the first full Senate meeting, and the language need to take that reality into account.

Because of the Fall election of the SEC Chair, he/she needs to be a current senator when elected and hold that status during the year in office, as with the Secretary and Librarian. However, given the Spring election of the Secretary and Librarian, they could be people who have had a previous stint

on the Senate, hence the requisite year's experience, who are returning for another term, and the language leaves that option open.

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