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Submitted by: Richard Flynn

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Motion:

Article IV, section 13 of the Senate Bylaws, which currently reads
"Section 13. Voting membership of the Graduate Committee shall be composed of senators representing each college and the library, one per unit, appointed by the Senate Executive Committee and faculty members elected by and representing each college and the library, one per unit. Non-voting membership shall be composed of the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs, or his/her delegate, who shall vote in the case of a tie among the voting members of the committee, the Dean of Graduate Studies, and a Graduate student elected by the Graduate Student Organization. Senate and faculty representatives must hold graduate faculty status, full or associate. The Chair shall be a senator elected by the voting members of the committee." should be amended to read, in the penultimate sentence, "Senate and faculty representatives must be members of the graduate faculty."

Rationale:

This change will bring the bylaws in line with the language used in the new Graduate Faculty Model, which does not distinguish between full and associate members. The Graduate Committee voted unanimously at its March 25, 2004 meeting to recommend this change.
Senate Response:

June 23, 2004, Faculty Senate Meeting: I am pleased to report that the Senate recommends approval of the motion below presented by Dr. Richard Flynn, Chair of the Graduate Committee. MOTION: Article IV, section 13 of the Senate Bylaws, which currently reads "Section 13. Voting membership of the Graduate Committee shall be composed of senators representing each college and the library, one per unit, appointed by the Senate Executive Committee and faculty members elected by and representing each college and the library, one per unit. Non-voting membership shall be composed of the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs, or his/her delegate, who shall vote in the case of a tie among the voting members of the committee, the Dean of Graduate Studies, and a Graduate student elected by the Graduate Student Organization. Senate and faculty representatives must hold graduate faculty status, full or associate. The Chair shall be a senator elected by the voting members of the committee." should be amended to read, in the penultimate sentence, "Senate and faculty representatives must be members of the graduate faculty."

RATIONALE: This change will bring the bylaws in line with the language used in the new Graduate Faculty Model, which does not distinguish between full and associate members.

Flynn (CLASS) moved to replace the penultimate sentence of Article IV, Section 13 of the Senate Bylaws, which formerly read, "Senate and faculty representatives must hold graduate faculty status, full or associate," with "Senate and faculty representatives must be members of the graduate faculty." The motion was seconded and passed.

President’s Response:

Approved by President Grube August 9, 2004: Following review of the recommendation adopted by the Faculty Senate at the June 23, 2004, meeting as provided in your memo of July 27, 2004, I have approved the motion to amending Article IV, Section 13 of the Bylaws, presented by Dr. Richard Flynn, Chair of the Graduate Committee.