

**In the  
Faculty Senate  
Southeastern Oklahoma State University**

**On Wednesday, November 20, 2013**

TWO AMENDMENTS TO THE FACULTY SENATE CONSTITUTION

AMENDMENT 1: A change to Article III, Section B (currently on page 29 of the Academic Policies and Procedures Manual)

This amendment adds the Senate archivist to the list of officers elected from the members of the Faculty Senate (as opposed to the chair and chair-elect, who are elected from the faculty at large). The group from which the archivist is elected is not currently specified in the constitution.

The existing policy:

**Section B.**

Senate officers shall be chair, chair-elect, recorder, treasurer, archivist, and parliamentarian. The chair and chair-elect shall be elected from the faculty at large. The recorder, treasurer, and parliamentarian shall be elected by the senators from their group. It is recommended that a person be on the Senate for a year before they are an officer. (Rev. 12/2004 by Faculty Senate)

Shall be amended to:

**Section B.**

Senate officers shall be chair, chair-elect, recorder, treasurer, archivist, and parliamentarian. The chair and chair-elect shall be elected from the faculty at large. The recorder, treasurer, archivist and parliamentarian shall be elected by the senators from their group. It is recommended that a person be on the Senate for a year before they are an officer. (Rev. 12/2004 by Faculty Senate)

Paper ballots were distributed to all Senators present and those presenting valid proxies. The vote was 17 in favor of the amendment and 0 in opposition, passing the amendment.

AMENDMENT 2: A change to Article III, Section C (currently on page 29 of the Academic Policies and Procedures Manual)

This amendment changes the timing of elections for the chair-elect of the Faculty Senate and clarifies how a chair-elect succeeds a chair.

The existing policy:

**Section C.**

At the beginning of the fall semester (starting Fall 1990), the Faculty Senate shall solicit nominations and conduct an election for the chair and the chair-elect. (After the first year, only the chair-elect will be elected.) The offices of chair and chair-elect are two-year terms.

Shall be amended to :

**Section C.**

The offices of chair and chair-elect are two-year terms. Upon completion of the two-year term, the office of chair will be filled by the chair-elect. Elections for the chair-elect will be held in the spring semester, beginning in the spring of 2015, in order for the chair-elect to assume office in the fall of the following academic year. Should the office of chair be vacated before the two-year term is completed (e.g. because of resignation or retirement), the office of chair will immediately be filled by the chair-elect (who will fulfill the remainder of the two-year term), and a new chair-elect shall be elected from the faculty at large to fill the remainder of the two-year term. Should the office of chair-elect be vacated before the two-year term is completed (e.g. because of resignation or retirement), a new-chair elect will be elected from the faculty at large to fill the remainder of the two-year term.

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