

Rationale for proposed change to the Constitution of the Faculty Senate: under current policy, the election for the chair-elect is held in the fall. This results in a “late start” for the faculty senate to conduct its business. By voting and electing a chair-elect in the spring, the senate will be positioned to begin work earlier in the fall semester.

Current Policy in the APPM 3.3.1

Article III—Composition

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.

Proposed Policy

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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