REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE
University Senate Committee: University Senate Executive Committee

Brief History of Issue - why the issue is being considered:
It is highly unusual for the Provost and Vice Chancellor to be a voting member of the governing body of the University since a person in that position normally has a heavy influence on the outcomes of the motions passed by the governing body. If a chance in voting status is desired, the time to make the change ideally would be before a new Provost was selected.

Points Discussed by Committee:
- Having the Provost as a voting member is a unique expression of our culture at UWEC
- When the Provost candidates were asked if they thought it was important for the Provost to have voting rights they all said no

Pros:
- Voting role makes some of the candidates uncomfortable
- Provost already has a significant voice
- It would be nice to have them as nonvoting members so people think that they are being heard and that decisions have not already been made
- More consistency with other institutions of higher education

Cons:
- Won’t know how the Provost votes on issues

MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The University Senate Executive Committee by a vote of 10 for to 1 against on March 3, 2009

Recommends that three references to the voting status of the Provost and Vice Chancellor be changed, as shown, in three locations of the Handbook:
1. Article Three: University Senate, Section B Membership: 3. Administrative Senators
2. Bylaws of the University Senate, Membership of University Senate 1.; and
3. – Description of the Executive Committee Membership.

Article Three: University Senate, Section B Membership: 3. Administrative Senators
The Chancellor and the Provost and Vice Chancellor are non-voting members of the Senate, with the Chancellor being a non-voting member.

Bylaws of the University Senate, Membership of University Senate, 1.
The voting members of the University Senate include:

1 Provost and Vice Chancellor

... The Chancellor and the Provost and Vice Chancellor shall be non-voting members of the University Senate.

1. The Executive Committee a. Membership: The committee shall include ten University Faculty, four University Academic Staff, the Chancellor, and the Provost and Vice Chancellor. … The Chancellor and the Provost and Vice Chancellor shall be a non-voting members of the Executive Committee.

Implementation Date: upon approval

Signed: _______________________________________

Chair of the Committee