REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Senate Committee: Executive Committee

Brief History of Issue - why the issue is being considered:

The Chair and Vice Chair positions of the University Senate start at the end of the academic year in odd years. The Faculty Representative’s position starts at the end of the academic year in odd years. The Academic Staff Representative’s term starts July 1 in odd years. Basically, all four terms expire during the same time frame.

There is language in the Constitution that states:
Section E – Officers of the University Senate:
1. .... The Chair-elect will ... become Chair of the University Senate for two years, taking office at the end of the academic year in the odd-numbered years. ... and the Vice chair shall take office for two years at the end of that academic year.... If the Senate term of either expires before the expiration of the term as a Senate officer, the officer becomes an ex officio (voting) member of the Senate for the remainder of the term of office. ...

There is language in the Bylaws that states:
Section T – Faculty Representative to UW System:
The Faculty Representative to the University of Wisconsin System shall be elected by the faculty members and from the tenured faculty members of the University Senate at the first fall-semester meeting of the University Senate of even-numbered years. The term of office shall be for two years beginning with the end of the academic year in odd-numbered years. (F 4/07)
The Faculty Representative serves as an ex officio (and voting) member of the University Senate and the University Senate Executive Committee, and serves as chair of the Faculty Personnel Committee. Immediately upon election, the Faculty Representative-Elect shall be an ex officio (and voting) member of the Faculty Personnel Committee. (F 5/10)
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Section U – Academic Staff Representative to UW System:
The Academic Staff Representative to the University of Wisconsin System shall be elected by and from the academic staff members of the University Senate at the first fall-semester meeting of the University Senate of even numbered years. The term of office shall be for two years beginning the next July 1. (AS 5/10)
The Academic Staff Representative serves as an ex officio (and voting) member of the University Senate and the University Senate Executive Committee, and serves as chair of the Academic Staff Personnel Committee. Immediately upon election, the Academic Staff Representative-Elect shall be an ex officio (and voting) member of the Academic Staff Personnel Committee. (AS 5/10)
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NO mention is made of what happens to the Faculty representative or the Academic Staff representative when the Senate terms of those individuals expires.

Points Discussed by Committee:
- If a regular senator’s term expires then the person gives up any committee seat
- Only a senator can be a rep
- Representatives’ terms should be clarified
- Should stay in the position for two years regardless
- Should be treated like the officer positions of Chair and Vice Chair
Pros of Recommendation:
Makes all 4 position term language consistent

Cons of Recommendation:
Potential to temporarily increase size of University Senate and Executive Committee

Technology/Human Resource Impact:
Changing on-line bylaws

Committee Recommendation:
To change Article Three: University Senate, Sections T and U to reflect consistent language

MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The University Senate Committee: Executive Committee
by a vote of 10 for to 0 against on April 12, 2011

Recommends that:

Changes to Article Three: University Senate, Sections T and U be made as follows:

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Implementation Date: July 2011

Signed: Susan Harrison
Chair of the Committee

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