

UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FACULTY SENATE
Committee on Charter & Bylaws
Proposed Bylaws Amendment
April 3, 2012

The Charter & Bylaws Committee of the UDC Faculty Senate moves the Faculty Senate to amend its Bylaws to move the fourth bullet criteria from the first section of the Bylaws, "Terms of Office of the Voting Representatives" on page 1 to the second section of the Bylaws, "Elections" on page 1. The bullet says:

A full-time member of the departmental University faculty who does not hold an administrative appointment or serve as department chair shall be eligible to serve as an elected faculty representative.

The provision is misplaced as it says nothing about the terms of any office or Senate seat, but merely specifies a criteria of eligibility to be a Senator.

Further, the Committee moves the Faculty Senate to amend the first section, "Terms of Office of the Voting Representatives," to insert a bullet which says,

The Faculty Senate shall create an *ad hoc* committee to study the faculty population of all academic departments and propose the merger of closely-aligned disciplines of fewer than four regular full-time faculty each into clusters for the sole purpose of electing Senators. It is recommended that representation be rotated among the departments participating in each cluster.

This provision would enable the small departments to more fully participate in the Faculty Senate without overburdening eligible faculty and would avoid the two-term limit disability.

Vote in Committee:

___7___ Ayes ___0___ Nays

Respectfully submitted,

Chairperson