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Office of the President
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE GOVERNING REGULATIONS

Recommendation: that the following proposed amendment to the Governing Regulations of the University of Kentucky be received for preliminary consideration and, at the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, provided at least one month has elapsed, be included on the agenda for action.

Background: These changes will remove the Board of Trustees from the approval of changes to the Governing Regulation when there is a change in the selection procedure for members of the University Senate.

Action taken: ☒ Approved ☐ Disapproved ☐ Other _____

PART IV

THE UNIVERSITY SENATE (UNIVERSITY SYSTEM)

The University Senate shall be composed of ~~both elected~~faculty, emeriti faculty, student and ~~ex officio~~membership.

The ~~elected membership~~faculty members shall number ~~114, of which~~ 94 ~~members shall represent the faculty,~~ one member shall represent the emeriti faculty, and 19 members shall represent the student body. With the exception of emeritus and ex-officio representatives, senators shall be full-time faculty or students selected in accordance with the By-Laws of the University Senate. The one elected emeritus faculty member shall represent the University of Kentucky Association of Emeriti Faculty.

~~The 94 elected faculty seats shall be apportioned each spring among the colleges and the University Libraries according to the following two equally weighted factors based on data for the preceding fall semester: (1) the number of the following individuals all of whom shall be considered "faculty" for purposes of this Rule: (a) full-time faculty in the regular and special title series with the rank of assistant professor or higher, (b) full-time faculty appointed in the extension, librarian, research and clinical title series, and (c) full-time lecturers and instructors; and (2) the number of full-time students enrolled in the college, computed so that students enrolled in the Graduate School shall be assigned to the college in which they are pursuing their studies. Each elected faculty member shall serve for a term of three years and shall be eligible for re-election for a second consecutive term but ineligible for further re-election until one year has elapsed. If a faculty member of the Senate should at any time during a term become ineligible to serve (e.g., by reason of assuming an administrative title, resigning, or taking official leave which precludes attendance), the administrative head of the group represented shall declare a vacancy and designate that member from the eligible faculty who at the last election received the next highest vote to serve for the duration of the elected faculty member's ineligibility.~~

~~The one elected emeritus faculty member shall represent the University of Kentucky Association of Emeriti Faculty. The Association shall elect one senator for a term of three years and an alternate from its membership through an election process approved by the Senate Council. If the elected emeritus faculty member of the Senate at any time during a term becomes ineligible or unable to serve, the elected alternate shall serve the remainder of the term.~~

~~The 19 elected student membership shall consist of the President of the Student Government Association and representatives of the full-time student body in the various colleges and the Graduate School of the University System. The colleges and the Graduate School each shall have one student representative. Students with no declared major shall be represented through the College of Arts and Sciences. Each elected college representative shall be a junior, senior, or graduate or professional student, or in the case of the Lexington Community College a sophomore student, shall not be on either academic or disciplinary probation, shall serve for a term of one~~

~~year, and shall be eligible for re-election as often as the individual remains a full-time undergraduate, graduate, or professional student in the University System. If a student should at any time become ineligible to serve (e.g., by relinquishing status as a full-time student, being placed on academic probation, or violating the Senate attendance regulations), the administrative head of the group represented shall declare a vacancy and designate that member from the eligible student body who at the last election received the next highest vote to serve for the duration of the elected student member's ineligibility.~~

In even numbered academic years, the ex officio voting members of the Senate shall be composed of the following: Provost, Vice President for Research, Senior Vice President and Chancellor of the Medical Center, Director of Libraries, Director of Teaching Learning Center and Deans of the Colleges of Allied Health Professions, Architecture, Communications and Information Studies, Dentistry, Education, Engineering, Law, and Social Work. In odd numbered academic years, the ex officio voting members shall be the following: Provost, President of the Lexington Community College, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs for the Medical Center, Dean of the Graduate School, Dean of Undergraduate Studies and Deans of the Colleges of Agriculture, Arts and Sciences, Business and Economics, Fine Arts, Human Environmental Sciences, Medicine, Nursing, and Pharmacy.

The ex officio non-voting membership shall include the President, all other vice presidents, Associate Provost for Minority Affairs, University System Registrar, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education for the Lexington Campus and Director of Admissions, Dean of University Extension, Dean of Students, Professor of Military Science, Professor of Aerospace Studies, Director of the University Studies Program, and, if they are not already elected members of the Senate, the University System faculty members of the Board of Trustees, the Academic Ombud, the Director of the Honors Program, and the chairpersons of the University Senate Committees, including University Senate Advisory Committees. All officials mentioned in the preceding paragraph who are not ex officio voting members in any year shall be considered ex officio non-voting members. Other ex officio non-voting members may be added by the University Senate Council for the purpose of supplying information and viewpoints on problems considered by the Senate. Ex officio non-voting members shall enjoy all privileges of the elected membership except the right to vote.

The Senate is authorized to develop rules for the conduct of its functions, copies of these rules being furnished to the President and the Board of Trustees. It may perform its functions directly, through the Senate Council*, through standing or special committees which it may appoint or authorize for appointment, or through delegation of authority and responsibility to the faculties of the Graduate School or the colleges. Standing committees of the Senate, responsible to the

* Members of the Senate Council will remain members of the Senate until the end of their terms on the Council. They will not be counted as a part of the quota of the administrative unit that they

have represented nor of the maximum membership of the Senate after the expiration of their elected memberships.

Senate, shall be appointed by the Senate Council unless other methods of appointment have been authorized by the Senate.

The Senate also may establish Senate advisory committees which shall be responsible, in an advisory capacity, to the President or other administrative officer(s) or administrative unit(s). These committees also shall be responsible to the Senate for reporting upon issues which bear upon the functions of the Senate and for making recommendations for action. Senate advisory committees shall be appointed by the President from nominations made by the Senate Council or following consultation with the Council.

The President shall be the chairperson of the Senate and shall be the presiding officer except as the President may delegate this function. The University Registrar shall serve as ex officio secretary. A member of the University faculty (not necessarily a member of the Senate), appointed by the Senate Council, shall serve as parliamentarian. The two sergeants-at-arms, appointed by the Senate Council, shall be members of the University System faculty and/or staff.

The Senate shall hold regular monthly meetings during the academic year when classes are in session and, after adequate notice by its secretary, special meetings on the call of the President or the Senate Council or on the written request of ten (10) members.

Any member of the administrative, instructional, or research staff may attend a meeting of the Senate as a visitor and request the privilege of the floor.

The functions of the University Senate shall include the following:

Determine the broad academic policies of the University System and make regulations to implement these policies.

Approve all new academic programs, curricula, and courses offered in the University System.

Adopt policies for the University System academic calendar and approve the annual calendar as prepared by the University Registrar.

Recommend to the Provost on the establishment, alteration, and abolition of educational units in the University System.

Advise the President or the President's designated officer on the planning for physical facilities and staff when these may affect the attainment of education objectives of the University System.

Advise the President or the President's designated officer, through appropriate committees, on criteria for appointments, reappointments, promotions, and granting of tenure in the University System.

Determine the conditions for admission and for degrees, other than honorary degrees, in the University System.

Recommend to the President all candidates for degrees in the University System.

Beyond those listed in the above, the Senate shall have no management or administrative functions either in itself or through the instrumentality of its committees.

The University Senate may address the President or, through the President, the Board of Trustees, regarding any University matter.