

Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Senate Reapportionment

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The Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Senate Reapportionment met to recommend a reapportionment of the Faculty Senate. It first considered the policies found in the Faculty Handbook. The rules for apportioning the Senate are stated in section 10.2.1 of the Faculty Handbook:

"The Faculty Senate shall consist of 50 members of the Regular Faculty. The senators shall be elected to three-year terms in the degree recommending divisions of the University. The electors shall consist of members of the Regular Faculty. Full-time administrative personnel above the department level shall be excluded from elections of the Faculty Senate.

In the Faculty Senate, seats shall be allocated as follows: one seat to each degree-recommending division with at least one percent of the total faculty. Members of the Regular Faculty who are not members of a degree-recommending division of the University, or who are in a degree-recommending division with less than one percent of the total faculty, shall be treated as a separate division. The balance of the seats will be allocated among faculty members placed in this separate division according to a triennial apportionment proposed by the Faculty Senate and approved by the Regular Faculty. Degree-recommending divisions with no faculty members will be allowed to appoint a faculty member as an ex-officio member with all the rights and privileges of senate membership excluding the right to vote in official Faculty Senate actions."

Recommended Reapportionment

The Committee followed a number of past practices. Included in the faculty count are renewable term appointments at the Assistant Professor level and above and part-time faculty at the Assistant Professor level and above, term or tenured/tenure-track, according to their FTE. For faculty who are budgeted in non-degree organizations, we allocated as many of them as possible to their home departments (where they hold tenured or tenure-track appointments). They should, therefore, vote for their Senate representation with their academic department. The "Total" column in the table provides the total number of faculty in each unit when applying the above method of counting faculty.

There are 52.5 faculty in non-degree recommending divisions who do not have joint appointments. That number represents 4.96 percent of the total faculty and entitles them to about 5 percent of the total numbers of Senators, or three Senators. Following both tradition and being justified by their numbers we recommend allocating one seat, each, to the Library and ROTC faculties. Faculty members in non-

degree recommending divisions as well as the faculties of Liberal Studies, Honors, and Aviation are left. We recommend they share that last seat.

We recommend the remaining 47 seats be allocated using a proportional method. The committee used the “Webster Method” of allocating seats. It basically gives each unit its whole number of seats and then allocates the remaining seats to the largest remaining fraction until all seats are allocated. The specific recommendation of the committee is found in the column labeled “Recommended Allocation” in the attached table. The only change in terms of senate representation by college will be for Fine Arts to lose one seat and Architecture to gain one seat.

We opted for the Webster method, in part, because it is more commonly used and generally perceived to produce the least bias. For a discussion, see:

<http://www.brookings.edu/research/papers/2001/08/politics-young>. But, most convincing to the committee is the argument that the Faculty Senate has been apportioned using this method for as long as anyone can remember and absent a policy decision made above the committee’s level we felt we should follow tradition.

In conclusion, the Committee recommends the allocations in the table for the three years beginning with academic year 2016-17.

Ranked Instructional (Regular) Faculty by College and Recommended Apportionment for Faculty Senate for 2017-2020																
College/Division	Total	% of FTE	% of 1005.45 x 47	2014 alloc	Base 2017	Fraction Over Base	Rank Fraction	Represent Rate	Rank Rate	Avg Rank	Final Rate	Recomm. Allocation	Change			
Architecture	37.00	3.50%	1.7296	1	1	0.7296	2	2.70%	2	2	5.41%	2	1.00			
Arts and Sciences	499.74	47.24%	23.3605	23	23	0.3605	8	4.60%	9	8.5	4.60%	23	0.00			
Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences	39.75	3.76%	1.8581	2	1	0.8581	1	2.52%	1	1	5.03%	2	0.00			
Business	55.00	5.20%	2.5710	2	2	0.5710	6	3.64%	6	6	3.64%	2	0.00			
Earth and Energy	34.62	3.27%	1.6183	2	1	0.6183	5	2.89%	3	4	5.78%	2	0.00			
Education	57.00	5.39%	2.6645	3	2	0.6645	3	3.51%	5	4	5.26%	3	0.00			
Engineering	112.34	10.62%	5.2514	5	5	0.2514	9	4.45%	8	8.5	4.45%	5	0.00			
Fine Arts	99.00	9.36%	4.6278	5	4	0.6278	4	4.04%	7	5.5	4.04%	4	(1.00)			
International Studies	16.50	1.56%	0.7713	1	1	-0.2287	11	6.06%	11	11	6.06%	1	0.00			
Journalism & Mass Comm	21.50	2.03%	1.0050	1	1	0.0050	10	4.65%	10	10	4.65%	1	0.00			
Law	33.00	3.12%	1.5426	2	1	0.5426	7	3.03%	4	5.5	6.06%	2	0.00			
Graduate College				0	0											
TOTAL Non-Pool Faculty (FTE)	1005.45	95.04%	47.5188													
TOTAL Non-Pool Seats	47.00			47	42							47	0			
POOLED PROGRAMS																
Honors		11.00	11.00	1.04%			1	1								
Liberal Studies		6.00	6.00	0.57%			1									
CCE Aviation		2.00	2.00													
President		0.00	0.00													
IT		0.81	0.00													
Provost Direct	17.23	2.00					15.04	0.19	1							
Art Museum		0.00	0.00													
Blankenship Chair																
Cultivation of Character		1.00					1									
Cntr Teaching Excellence		1.00	0.00				1									
Carl Albert Center		3.00	0.00				3									
History of Liberty		1.00	1.00	1.00			1									
Humanities Forum		1.00	0.00				1									
OSLEP		0.75					0.75									
Okla. Mus. of Nat. Hist.		5.29	0.00				5.29									
Univ Press		0.19						0.19								
World Literature Today		1.00	0.00				1									
Provost Office Admin.		3.00	1.00	1.00			1		1							
Writing Center			1.00	1.00												
Research Administration		0.43	0.00													
Part Sum			22.00	2.08%			1						1			
Library			18.50	18.50	1.75%		1	1					1			
ROTC			12.00	12.00	1.13%		1	1					1			
TOTAL Pooled Faculty (FTE)	52.50	4.96%	2.4812													
TOTAL Pooled Seats					3.00											
Total Full-Time-Equivalent Instructional Faculty	1057.95				102											

Source: November 2015 payroll file Institutional Research and Reporting