

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 46.5 faculty members in non-degree recommending divisions who do not have joint appointments. That number represents 4.52 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 Professional & Continuing Studies (formerly 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 Architecture, Education and Law to each lose one seat and Business, Engineering, and Fine Arts to each 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: “Dividing the House: Why Congress Should Reinstate an Old Reapportionment Formula” (<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 2019-20.

College/Division	Allocation
Architecture	1
Arts & Sciences	23
Atmospheric & Geographic Sciences	2
Business	3
Earth & Energy	2
Education	2
Engineering	6
Fine Arts	5
International Studies	1
POOLED (Aviation/Honors/PCS - formerly Liberal Studies)	1
ROTC	1
Library	1
Journalism & Mass Communications	1
Law	1
Total	50

Ranked Instructional (Regular) Faculty by College and Recommended Apportionment for Faculty Senate for 2019-2022

<u>COLLEGE/DIVISION</u>			<u>Total</u>	<u>% of FTE</u>	<u>% of 981.95 x 47</u>	<u>2016 alloc</u>	<u>Base 2019</u>	<u>Fraction Over Base</u>	<u>Rank Fraction</u>	<u>Represent Rate</u>	<u>Recommended Allocation</u>	<u>Change</u>
Architecture	29.00		29.00	2.82%	1.3881	2	1	0.3881	6	3.45%	1	(1)
Arts & Sciences	452.72	16.29	469.01	45.60%	22.4487	23	22	0.4487	4	4.69%	23	0
Atmospheric & Geographic Sciences	39.75	1.00	40.75	3.96%	1.9505	2	1	0.9505	1	2.45%	2	0
Business	63.00		63.00	6.13%	3.0154	2	3	0.0154	10	4.76%	3	1
Earth & Energy	39.17	1.02	40.19	3.91%	1.9237	2	1	0.9237	2	2.49%	2	0
Education	47.00		47.00	4.57%	2.2496	3	2	0.2496	7	4.26%	2	(1)
Engineering	127.94	0.81	128.75	12.52%	6.1625	5	6	0.1625	8	4.66%	6	1
Fine Arts	95.31	0.19	95.50	9.29%	4.5710	4	4	0.5710	3	4.19%	5	1
International Studies	15.25	1	16.25	1.58%	0.7778	1	1	-0.2222	11	6.15%	1	0
Journalism & Mass Communication	22.50		22.50	2.19%	1.0769	1	1	0.0769	9	4.44%	1	0
Law	30.00		30.00	2.92%	1.4359	2	1	0.4359	5	3.33%	1	(1)
Graduate College						0	0					
TOTAL Non-Pool Faculty (FTE)	20.31		981.95	95.48%	47.7393							
TOTAL Non-Pool Seats			47.00			47	43				47	0
POOLED PROGRAMS												
Honors	10.00		10.00	0.97%								
Liberal Studies	6.00		6.00	0.58%								
CCE Aviation	2.00		2.00	0.19%								
President	0.00		0.00									
IT	0.81		0.00									
Provost Direct	16.23		1.00									
Art Museum	0.00											
Blankenship Chair												
Cultivation of Character	1.00											
Ctr Teaching Excellence	1.00											
Carl Albert Center	2.00											
History of Liberty	1.00	1.00										
Humanities Forum	1.00											
OSLEP	0.75											
Okla. Mus. of Nat. Hist.	5.29											
Univ Press	0.19											
World Literature Today	1.00											
Provost Office Admin.	3.00											
Writing Center	1.00	1.00	1.00									
Research Administration	1	0.00					1					
Part Sum			19.00	1.85%			1				1	
Library	15.50		15.50	1.51%			1				1	
ROTC	12.00		12.00	1.17%			1				1	
TOTAL Pooled Faculty (FTE)			46.50	4.52%	2.2607							
TOTAL Pooled Seats						3						
Total Full-Time-Equivalent Instructional Faculty			1028.45			50					50	

Source: November 2018 payroll file & Institutional Research and Reporting