

College of Arts and Sciences Addendum to the By-Laws

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Faculty Senate Representation in the College of Arts and Science.

Background

The College By-Laws require that an addendum titled “Faculty Senate Representation in the College of Arts and Sciences” be revised as needed and approved by the majority of voting faculty in the College.

The University Secretary asks that the College have representation in proportion to the number of faculty, which at present is approximately one Senator for every 30 faculty. For the 2021-22 academic year the College will be represented by 15 Senators, with two alternates.

Prior to 2004 the College was represented by Senators elected “at large”. The 2004 amendments to the By-Laws introduced a system of proportional representation where departments were identified separately, or in groups, to elect one Senator for approximately every 27 faculty. Departments were grouped together as needed to elect Senators in approximate proportion to the number of faculty. As the number of voting faculty in the College increased the earlier system did not maintain proportional representation. In 2017 the first Addendum to the By-Laws to elect Senators modified the grouping of departments but kept the essential elements of the earlier system. This revision of the Addendum represents a return to the original system of electing Senators at large.

The flow of information from Faculty Senators is two-way. Senators must communicate with faculty in order to represent their views and concerns in the Senate, as well as report back to faculty regarding important issues. Faculty Senators representing the College of Arts and Sciences should meet and may form a caucus if desired. They will discuss and decide how they will communicate with the faculty they represent.

Faculty Senate Elections

Elections must be conducted every year due to the rotating nature of Senator appointments. Approximately half the Senators must be elected each year. The call for nominations of College Senators will be announced in the fall semester. The slate will be formed and presented to the College faculty for an early spring semester vote. No more than two Senators in the same term can come from any one department in the College. The results of the election will be transmitted to the University Secretary in February.

Voting will be conducted electronically with those candidates receiving the support of a majority of the faculty voting being identified and forwarded to the University Secretary.