

Staff Senator Term Length, Alternates and Designees

3335-5-38, 3335-5-40, and 3335-5-44

WHEREAS Faculty Rule 3335-5-38 sets for the terms of office for the different elected constituency groups whose membership contributes to the university senate; AND

WHEREAS staff members on senate were added to rules in 2019, initially set at term lengths of two years; AND

WHEREAS since 2019 staff have been invaluable members of university senate and standing committees of university senate; AND

WHEREAS the learning curve for new senators is steep, such that an additional year of service on senate would be to the immense benefit of the staff senators and the senate as a whole; AND

WHEREAS moving the term length for staff senators to three years aligns their term length with that of faculty senators; AND

WHEREAS in the course of revising this rule, it was revealed that parallel language regarding the appointment of alternate members and designees to university senate had not been included in faculty rules **3335-5-40 and 3335-5-44**; AND

WHEREAS in the course of revising faculty rule **3335-5-44** the need for clarification regarding the identification of student government designees was identified; AND

WHEREAS this proposal was put forth by the university staff advisory council; AND

WHEREAS the Rules Committee voted unanimously in support of this resolution at their meeting of February 13, 2026.

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED that the University Senate approve the proposed revision to Faculty Rule **3335-5-38, 3335-5-40, and 3335-5-44** and respectfully requests the concurrence of the Board of Trustees, said proposal to be effective upon approval by the Board of Trustees.