

Proposal to Alter the Organization of the University Senate

WHEREAS the Ohio State University has a strong history of shared governance between its faculty, students, and administration; and

WHEREAS the participation in the University Senate serves as an avenue for constituency groups to collectively share decision making around issues related to the University; and

WHEREAS the senate steering committee has recognized the important role and voice staff have on this campus; and

WHEREAS the steering committee has proposed the addition of staff into the voting body of the University Senate; and

WHEREAS in order to add staff to the University Senate while minimally affecting other constituencies and keeping faculty in the majority the steering committee has proposed the following structural changes to the voting membership: 24 (from 26) administrative members, 71 (from 70) faculty members, and 5 (from zero) staff members; and

WHEREAS both the vice presidents of research and for student life are senior vice presidents; and

WHEREAS there are fifteen colleges at the university; and

WHEREAS the senate committee chairs are integral to the work of the senate but do not have floor privileges at senate meetings; and

WHEREAS the term of office for staff shall be two years as set forth in 3335-5-38(D); and

WHEREAS the Rules Committee approved the proposal on April 2, 2019;

LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED that the proposal to amend rules 3335-37-38 and relevant sections in 3335-17 with the following be approved by the University Senate and respectfully request concurrence of the Board of Trustees effective upon approval by the Board of Trustees.