

AGENDA

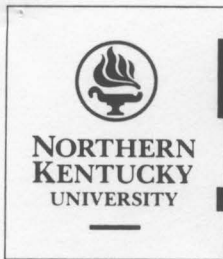
MEETING OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

Monday OCT 14 1996

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 1996

3:00 P.M. UC THEATER

- I. Call to order
- II. Proposed Amendments to Faculty Senate Constitution
(See attached text of amendments)
- III. Adjournment



Faculty Senate

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS KY 41099 606-572-6400

NOTICE!!

A MEETING OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

WILL BE HELD ON

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, ¹⁹⁹⁶1995

AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE UC THEATER

Authority

In accordance with Article VIII., Sections A. And C., a meeting of the general faculty is hereby called by the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate for the sole purpose of considering amendments to the Faculty Senate Constitution.

Purpose

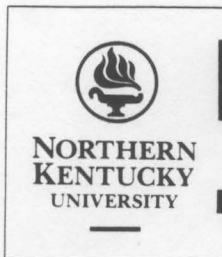
These amendments, the exact language of which accompany this notice are to address changes in Article IV.B.10.b, Selection of Members-Elections-Vacancies; Article VI, Selection of officers; Article IV.B.5 Selection of Members.

Standard for Amendment

Article XV. of the Faculty Senate Constitution states that the "constitution may be amended at any meeting of the General Faculty by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting, provided the proposed amendment was included in the agenda and was available to the members of the General Faculty for one week prior to the meeting. The approved amendment becomes operative upon ratification by the Board of Regents."

Voting Faculty

Only the general faculty may vote on the proposed amendments. Article III. Section A. Of the Faculty Senate Constitution states "The general faculty shall consist of all tenured, tenure-track and 'full-time, non-tenure track renewable faculty holding rank of instructor or higher.'"



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Minutes: General Faculty Meeting, October 14, 1996, 3:00 p.m., University Center Theater
The meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m. by Carrie McCoy, Faculty Senate president.
Gaut Ragsdale served as secretary pro tem.

The order of business consisted of three amendments to the Faculty Senate constitution. Since the Faculty Senate recommended the adoption of these amendments, they were placed on the floor individually for consideration and vote.

Proposed Amendment 1: Article IV.B.10b

Vacancies in other memberships shall be filled from the election results of the most recent election in that respective college. In case of a tie the selecting shall be decided by a coin flip conducted by the Chair of the Elections Committee in the presence of the tied candidates. If no candidates are available from that college then the position shall remain vacant until the next election.

Action Taken: The president called for discussion and there was none. The amendment passed on a rising vote (a 2/3 vote is required for passage of constitutional amendments).

Proposed Amendment 2: Article VI Selection of Officers

During the first two weeks of the Spring semester the incumbent President of the Faculty Senate shall call and preside at a special meeting of newly elected senators and senators whose terms do not expire at the end of the current Senate session. These newly elected senators and continuing senators compose the membership of the next Senate session. The purpose of this special meeting is to elect Faculty Senate officers for the next session. Nominations may be submitted to the incumbent President of the Faculty Senate prior to the special meeting or may be made from the floor during the meeting. Terms of office shall be for one year. A session for the Faculty Senate and its officers begins on July 1st.

Action Taken: The president called for discussion and there was none. The amendments passed on a hand vote (a 2/3 vote is required for passage of constitutional amendments).

Proposed Amendment 3: Article IV.B.5 Selection of Members

All Senators shall serve for two-year terms, with approximately one-half being elected each year. Each year constitutes a session of the Faculty Senate and shall run from July 1st through ~~July~~ ^{June} 30.

Action Taken: The president called for discussion and there was none. The amendments passed on a hand vote (a 2/3 vote is required for passage of constitutional amendments).

The meeting ended after consideration of the third amendment. Before the audience dispersed President McCoy announced that nominations were needed for Faculty Senate committees.

Gaut Ragsdale
10/14/96

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Article IV.B.10b.

Vacancies in other memberships shall be filled from the election results of the most recent election in that respective college. In case of a tie the selecting shall be ~~by a majority vote of the Faculty Senate decided by a coin flip conducted by the Chair of the Elections Committee in the presence of the tied candidates.~~ If no candidates are available from that college then the position shall remain vacant until the next election.

Rationale

The current procedure seems to violate the intent of the at-large-process of election. At-large College representatives should not be elected by anybody but faculty in the particular college.

This amendment is pragmatic since it avoids the necessity of conducting a run-off election and also the possibility of another tie.

Article VI. Selection of Officers

Current Language

During the first two weeks of the Spring semester the incumbent President of the Faculty Senate shall call a special session of the newly elected Faculty Senate. The incumbent President of the Faculty Senate shall preside over this special meeting. At this special meeting the newly elected Faculty Senate shall elect its officers by a majority vote of those newly elected Senators present and voting. Nominations may be submitted to the incumbent President of the Faculty Senate prior to the special meeting or may be made from the floor during the meeting. Terms of office shall be for one year. The newly elected Faculty Senate and its officers assume office June 1st.

Proposed language

During the first two weeks of the Spring semester the incumbent President of the Faculty Senate shall call and preside at a special meeting of newly elected senators and senators whose terms do not expire at the end of the current Senate session. These newly elected senators and continuing senators compose the membership of the next Senate session. The purpose of this special meeting is to elect Faculty Senate officers for the next session. Nominations may be submitted to the incumbent President of the Faculty Senate prior to the special meeting or may be made from the floor during the meeting. Terms of office shall be for one year. A session for the Faculty Senate and its officers begins on July 1st.

Rationale

The current language fails to include senators continuing in office for the final year of a two-year term. The proposed language includes these senators and makes a distinction between academic years through the use of the term "session" Finally, majority vote is deleted because this vote is defined elsewhere in the constitution and unless specified otherwise, elections are determined by majority vote. The date for assuming office was changed to July 1st. From June 1st. This will allow the outgoing officers to finish work of the previous session and also coincides with the fiscal year.

Article IV. Section B.5 Selection of members

Current Language

All Senators shall serve for two-year terms, with approximately one-half being elected each year. The term of office shall from June to June.

Proposed Language

All Senators shall serve for two-years terms, with approximately one-half being elected each year. Each year constitutes a session of the Faculty Senate and shall run from July 1st through June 30.

Rationale

This is a housekeeping amendment that eliminates the ambiguity created by stating "two-year term" in the first sentence and "June to June" in the second sentence. The proposed language notes that a senator's term is two years and each year constitutes a session of the Senate. July 1st to June 30 coincides with the fiscal year and allows one session to complete its work prior to beginning the next fiscal year.