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Sponsors: Munson-McGee, Engineering; Scribner, Business; Cramer, Agriculture and Home Economics; Creider, Library; Fortin, Business; Kelly, Engineering; Ketelaar, Arts and Sciences; Lopez, Education; Prentice, Education; Rowe, Arts and Sciences; Wolff, Arts and Sciences

Proposed Committee Assignment:
Actual Committee Assignment:

A Constitutional Amendment that Clarifies Faculty Senate Apportionment

Proposal: Replace second paragraph (italicized below) of Article III, Section A, of the Constitution of the Faculty Senate. The first paragraph would not be affected but appears below to provide context.

Current Text:

Section A: The senate shall be composed of three categories of members: (1) the elected chair of the Faculty Senate; (2) 54 elected senators; and (3) ex officio nonvoting members* as specified in a bylaw of the Faculty Senate. Of the 54 elected senators, 4 shall be from the branch colleges (1 from each branch existing in 1982); 3 shall be from the Cooperative Extension Service; 1 from the University Library; and the remaining 46 shall be divided into 2 equal categories, 23 elected from the colleges in proportion to the number of majors enrolled (both graduate and undergraduate) and attending the main campus academic departments, and 23 elected from the colleges in proportion to the number of faculty in the main campus academic departments in each college. *Ex officio members shall be entitled to all other floor privileges.

The proportion of members representing each college shall be determined from the sum of its major and faculty proportions and the assignment of 23 members to each of the categories made subject to the college totals. The chair of the Faculty Senate shall be responsible for calculation of the number of majors and of faculty. Such calculation shall be based upon conditions during the fall semester of the academic year during which this constitution takes effect and annually during the fall semester thereafter, the appropriate reapportonment of the Faculty Senate shall be arranged for in the following annual elections.

Proposed Replacement Text for Italicized Paragraph:

The number of members representing each college shall be determined as follows:

The vice chair of the Faculty Senate shall obtain the student and faculty data referred to above from the sources as stipulated in the By Laws. The vice chair will calculate the number of members representing each main campus college as of the next annual elections as follows:
Step 1: For each college, compute its fraction from the total majors enrolled (undergraduate and graduate combined).

Step 2: Multiply the fraction obtained in Step 1 by 23 and truncate the decimal remainder, do not round. The resulting number is the tentative number of members representing each college.

Step 3: If the sum of the number of members for all the colleges computed in Step 2 is less than 23, assign one additional member to each college in order of the decimal remainders, from highest to lowest, that were truncated in Step 2 until the sum reaches 23. The decimal parts will be computed to as many digits as necessary to avoid ties.

Step 4: If a tiebreaker is required the names of the colleges having equal decimal fractions and qualifying for the unassigned member(s) will be written on equal sized pieces of paper and the pieces of paper placed into a container. The recording secretary of the Faculty Senate will draw as many names as needed to assign the remaining member(s). A college may be assigned no more than one member using this method. This drawing will be witnessed by the Senate at a regularly scheduled Senate meeting.

Step 5: Repeat the preceding steps based on the number of faculty in the colleges to apportion the other 23 seats.

The vice chair will present the data and calculations to the Faulty Senate for its review prior to final acceptance.

**Rationale:** Current text has proven unclear and subject to chronic dispute.