

To: Faculty Senate Executive Committee
From: The Committee on Rules
Date: October 18, 2004

The Committee on Rules requests the Faculty Senate adopt the following motion at its meeting on November 1, 2004.

MOTION:

The Faculty Senate recommends to the Faculty-at-Large the following changes be made in the Faculty Handbook:

Part VII ORGANIZATION OF THE FACULTY OF EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY
Section VII. THE FACULTY SENATE
B. Membership of the Senate
2. Elected Members

- b. Election Units – The election units for the selection of the elected membership of the Senate shall be the academic departments of the several colleges of the University having a total full-time Teaching/Research Faculty membership of five or more. Additional election units shall consist of (1) the Library Faculty, who are not included in the faculties of a college, and (2) the Deans of the Academic Colleges, Dean of Graduate Studies, and Dean of Libraries (hereafter referred to as the Dean's Unit).
- d. Determination of Delegate Representation
 - (1) Each election unit shall be entitled to one delegate for each ten full-time Teaching/Research Faculty members employed by that election unit during the fall semester. In other words, an election unit with 10-19 faculty is entitled to one delegate, an election unit with 20-29 faculty is entitled to two delegates, an election unit with 30-39 faculty is entitled to three delegates, and so on.
 - (2) Departments employing fewer than ten full-time Teaching/Research Faculty members but more than four full-time Teaching/Research Faculty members shall be entitled to one delegate.
 - (3) Departments employing fewer than five full-time Teaching/Research Faculty members during the fall semester shall join with other departments in the same college to form an election unit with a total of five or more full-time Teaching/Research Faculty members. The Committee on Elections of the Faculty Senate shall inform departments of the need to form such departmental alignments as soon after the spring semester as possible.

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- d. **Determination of Delegate Representation**
- (1) An election unit with one 1 - 14 faculty members during the Fall semester shall be entitled to one delegate for the academic year, and an election unit with 15 - 29 faculty members during the Fall semester shall be entitled to two delegates for the academic year.
 - (2) An election unit with 30 - 39 faculty members during the Fall semester shall be entitled to three delegates for the academic year; an election unit with 40 - 49 faculty members during the Fall semester shall be entitled to four delegates for the academic year; and an election unit with 50 - 59 faculty members during the Fall semester shall be entitled to five delegates for the academic year, and so on.

JUSTIFICATION OF THE MOTION:

As is stated in the Faculty Handbook, departments with fewer than five faculty members, "...shall join with other departments in the same college to form an election unit with a total of five or more full-time Teaching/Research Faculty members." This prevents a total representation in the Faculty Senate of all departments of the university. By combining two departments and allowing only one delegate to the Faculty Senate, only one of the two departments is actually being represented. In order for the Faculty Senate to truly be representative of all departments of this university the Committee on Rules recommends that the above change be instituted.