

Section VII.B.

Current Language

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Suggested Revision

2f. Except for the member elected from the Deans' Unit and the member elected from the Part-time Faculty, whose terms are two years, elected members shall serve for a term of three years. **Elected members shall serve no more than two consecutive terms; eligible members must then forego membership for one term before being eligible for senate election again. If a senator is elected as chair of the senate at the end of their second term, they can then serve a third term before stepping down.** However, if an elected member ceases to be a full-time member in the election unit from which elected, a vacancy shall be declared.

Rationale: The proposed term limits serve two functions. First, they provide for a regular change in membership from each department so new ideas and new perspectives can be regularly added to the faculty senate. Secondly, they also encourage faculty members throughout the university to become engaged in the faculty senate and thus have a better understanding and a greater interest in the functions of the senate. As such, term limits will strengthen the faculty senate and provide greater faculty ownership of the senate throughout the university.