Motion on Senate Alternates

All voting members of the Senate are elected to represent the faculty in their departments. In order to ensure consistent and accurate representation, each department is also asked to elect an alternate for a three-year term in addition to their regular Senator(s). Each election unit shall be entitled but not required to elect alternate delegates (as many as the unit deems feasible) to ensure voting rights for their faculty. The alternate may attend for any Senator in departments with more than one representative. Elected alternates will possess full voting rights and attend meetings when the elected Senator is unavailable. In situations where an alternate is either not elected or is unable to attend, a substitute may attend. Substitutes are allowed to speak to issues and report back to their departments, but substitutes do not have voting rights. The Senate Chair and/or Secretary should be notified in advance whenever an alternate or a substitute will attend a Senate meeting in place of a Senator.