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There was only one proposal received for the February meeting, so it was distributed via email. Responses/comments were accepted through February 21 and six GAC members responded.

Responses Received: Dr. Ben Caldwell, Alec Guy, Dr. Mike Lane, Natasha Oakes, Dr. Kathleen O'Connor, Dr. Bob Willenbrink

GAC #16-14 – Faculty Senate Committee Rotation

Source of Proposal: Faculty Senate

Purpose of Proposal: Policy Revision / For Information

Current Policy or Procedure: MWSU Policy Guide, Appendices, Faculty Senate Bylaws

III. STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE FACULTY SENATE

F. Purpose, Membership, and Duties of Standing Committees

1. Academic Regulations, Standards and Honesty Committee (*Page 4*)

Membership: This committee is composed of five faculty members, two from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, one from the School of Fine Arts, one from the College of Professional Studies, and one from the Craig School of Business.

The University Registrar, Director of the Center for Academic Support, and one counselor are exofficio (non-voting) members.

Committee members must be available to meet at least one week before each semester (including Summer) begins.

A term of service on the Academic and Regulations Committee begins on August 1 and ends on July 31.

6. Professional Leave Committee (*Page 8*)

Membership:

This committee is composed of five faculty members, two from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, one from the School of Fine Arts, one from the College of Professional Studies, and one from the Craig School of Business. A term of service on the Professional Leave Committee begins on August 1 and ends on July 31.

Proposed Policy or Procedure:

Proposal:

Change the current one-year committee term for the Academic Regulations, Standards & Honesty Committee and the Professional Leave Committee to a staggered two-year term. During the spring 2016 committee formation, two committee members will receive a one-year term and the remaining three committee members will receive a two-year term. In following year, all open committee seat will be filled with a two-year appointment.

Proposal's Justification:

Having a staggered two-year committee membership cycle should increase continuity with these committees. All other Faculty Senate committees have multi-year appointments.

Policy Guide Changes:

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GAC Summary: This proposal will be forwarded to the President for his approval.

Presidential Action: This proposal was signed by the President on February 22, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennie McDonald
Secretary