

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FACULTY ORGANIZATION PLAN TO CLARIFY THE ALLOCATION OF SEATS FOR SCHOOLS ON THE FACULTY SENATE (FA 12/1)

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 2, subsection (a) (3) of The George Washington University Faculty Organization Plan was last amended by action of the University's Board of Trustees on October 21, 2011, to read as follows:

"The faculty members of the Senate shall be elected by and from their faculties as follows: the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, nine; the Graduate School of Education and Human Development, School of Engineering and Applied Science, School of Business, School of Medicine and Health Sciences, and Law School, three each; the Elliott School of International Affairs and the School of Public Health and Health Services, two each; and the School of Nursing, one. The faculty members shall be professors, associate professors, or assistant professors in full-time service who have tenure as of the academic year next succeeding the date of election....";

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate plays a crucial role in shared governance at the University;

WHEREAS, shared governance is strengthened by the diversity of discipline and experience manifested by the University faculty;

WHEREAS, to be effective the Faculty Senate needs to be viewed by all parties as fairly representing the entire University faculty;

WHEREAS, the current allocation of Senate seats results in a large number of small and large departments having no direct representation on the Senate;

WHEREAS, there are 19 departments with 11 or more tenure track faculty that currently do not have direct representation on the Senate, including: Accountancy, American Studies, Anatomy, Anthropology, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Computer Science, Engineering Management and Systems Engineering, History, Health Services Management and Leadership, Management, Mathematics, Media and Public Affairs, Physics, Political Science, Preventive and Community Health, Psychology, Romance, German, and Slavic Languages, Statistics, and Strategic Management and Public Policy;

WHEREAS, the current allocation of Senate seats denies the Senate the opportunity to hear directly from our colleagues in many disciplines and raises questions as to whether the Senate accurately represents the views of the entire University faculty;

WHEREAS, The George Washington University Faculty Organization Plan plays a significant role in ensuring the preservation of the Faculty Senate as a strong deliberative body; and as such, it should be written in a manner that is clear, fair, and able to stand the test of time; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FACULTY SENATE OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY:

- (1) That Article III, Section 2, subsection (a) (3) of The George Washington University Faculty Organization Plan be amended to read as follows, with such amendment to take effect commencing with the 2013-2014 session of the Faculty Senate:**

“The faculty members of the Senate shall be elected by and from their faculties as follows: the Columbian College of Arts and Science, 11 seats; the Graduate School of Education and Human Development, 3 seats; the School of Engineering and Applied Science, 4 seats; the School of Business, 5 seats; the School of Medicine and Health Sciences, 5 seats; the Law School, 4 seats; the Elliott School of International Affairs, 3 seats; the School of Public Health and Health Services, 3 seats; and the School of Nursing, 2 seats. The faculty members shall be professors, associate professors, or assistant professors in full-time service who have tenure as of the academic year next succeeding the date of election....”;

- (2) That, upon adoption by the University’s Board of Trustees of the foregoing amendment to the Faculty Organization Plan, the Faculty Handbook should be revised to reflect the change set forth in that amendment.**
- (3) That the President, as Chairman of the Faculty Assembly, is petitioned to place on the agenda of the Faculty Assembly at its meeting on October 2, 2012, the foregoing proposed amendment to the Faculty Organization Plan.**
- (4) That, upon approval by the Faculty Assembly, the President is requested to forward the foregoing proposed amendment to the Faculty Organization Plan for final approval by the Board of Trustees as soon as conveniently possible.**

THE WORDING OF THE AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY FA 12/1 IS IDENTICAL TO THAT PROPOSED BY SENATE RESOLUTION 11/2, WHICH WAS INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED AT THE APRIL 13, 2012 MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE

Adopted by the Faculty Assembly, October 2, 2012