

## Vote on Major Proposals Faculty Senate Meeting Wed., May 4, 1:45 pm Kiva Auditorium

Several key proposals are coming up for a vote on Wednesday at the University Senate meeting. TAUP wants you to come out and vote. Every tenured and tenure-track faculty and all NTTs with 3 or more years of service are eligible to vote as University Senators.

Key issues include:

- Should the Senate Constitution be interpreted to mean that not only Vice Presidents, the Provost, and Deans are ex officio voting members of the Senate, but also that Associate Vice Presidents, Assistant Vice Presidents, Vice Provosts, Vice Deans, Associate Deans, Assistant Deans, et al., are all ex officio members?
- Should Senate membership be expanded to include:
  - All NTT faculty, including those with fewer than 3 years of service
  - Professional Librarians

Several other changes to the [current Senate Constitution and Bylaws](#), as well as amendments to the proposed amendments are listed below :

- [The Senate Steering Committees proposed changes for the Faculty Senate Constitution](#)
- [The Senate Steering Committees proposed changes for the Faculty Senate Bylaws](#)

All those eligible to vote should come and participate in this important exercise in faculty governance.

### YOU WILL DECIDE WHO IS AN ELIGIBLE VOTER

The first issue to come up for vote is the resolution that was moved and approved unanimously at April's meeting, but which the Faculty Senate Steering Committee (FSSC) subsequently ruled requires a second reading and vote:

*Resolved: that the word "Dean" in Article III Section 3 of our current constitution be taken to mean the actual Deans of our schools and colleges, but does not include any other people whose title contains the word dean such as vice deans, associate deans, and assistant deans; and that the words "Vice President" in the same Section shall apply only to the organizationally highest ranked Vice President in any unit. The list of eligible voters will be adjusted to reflect these meanings.*

This resolution refers to the language in the current Constitution that says:

The ex officio members of the University and Representative Faculty Senates shall be the following officers of administration:

- a. President and Vice Presidents
- b. Deans of the undergraduate and graduate faculties
- c. Deans of professional schools
- d. Director of University Libraries
- e. Chair of the Department of Military Science

After that vote, amendments to the FSSC's proposed changes will be debated and voted on.

**YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE IN SHARED GOVERNANCE - MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND**

The Senate is an important voice of the faculty. The TAUP contract upholds our right "to participate in the formulation and recommendation of educational policy within the University and its schools and colleges" (Article 5 Rights of Temple). Making sure that the rules governing the Senate accord with the wishes and views of the faculty is one of the most important decisions that we can participate in.

**Come out, debate and vote on Wednesday, May 4 at 1:45 pm.**

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