

FACULTY SENATE BYLAWS

Faculty Senate

May 7, 2025



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4. Part-time faculty senators have full voting rights.
5. The number of additional senators to be elected by the respective faculty of the units shall be determined as follows:
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 2. The number of each unit faculty shall be divided by the total faculty and the result multiplied by the number of senate seats available determined by Section III.B.4.a. Such numbers, if fractional, shall be rounded to the nearest whole number. In the event that the above formulation results in a voting membership of the Faculty Senate in excess of 64, the Committee on Committees and Credentials shall reduce the total number to 64 by sequentially removing one senator each from those units with the largest representation, beginning with the largest unit. No more than one senator shall be removed from any one unit at the time of reapportionment.



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