

Proposal to the Executive Committee for a Change to the Bylaws

It is proposed to amend the University Faculty Senate Bylaws, to add the following subsection to Article II.1 (Composition) to clarify the definition of a unit:

Article II.1. (c): For the purposes of enumeration each University College, Health Sciences Center, Colleges of Technology/Agriculture, Specialized and Statutory Colleges, and University Center listed in Article IV.1 [Sectors] shall be considered to be a "unit".

Justification

Article II.1 of the UFS bylaws describes the composition of the Senate in terms of "representatives from each State-operated unit and contract college". The term "unit" is nowhere defined in the UFS Bylaws or in the Policies of the Board of Trustees.

Itemizations of the individual campuses comprising the SUNY System are in the UFS Bylaws (Article IV) and in the Board of Trustees Policies (Article XIX). The two differ: the UFS Bylaws lists five campuses in the Health Sciences Sector while the Board of Trustees Policies lists two.

As stated in the UFS Bylaws and the Board of Trustees Policies there should be representatives from each State-operated unit and contract college.

Article II. Membership

Section 1. Composition. (BoT Policies Article VII Title B §1) The Senate shall consist of the chancellor of the university, two university representatives having university-wide responsibilities, and representatives from each State-operated unit and contract college in numbers determined as follows:

When you look at the UFS Bylaws the Buffalo and Stony Brook HSCs are distinct entities in the HSC Sector, and as such should be allocated their own representation in the University Faculty Senate. They currently are only allocated one representative to be part of the HSC Sector. This seems to follow: *Article II (a) One representative from each unit, independent of the size of the professional staff.* Thereby, identifying the Stony Brook and Buffalo HSCs as units.

If both are considered a unit, then they should have representation as defined in Article II (b) of UFS Bylaws. Currently: the Stony Brook HSC has 5379 faculty and staff: the Buffalo HSC has 1038 faculty and staff.¹

Therefore, the Stony Brook HSC should have 4 representatives and the Buffalo HSC should have 2 representatives as separate units. It follows that the University at Stony Brook should have 4 representatives and the University at Buffalo should have 4 representatives since both have more than 1600 faculty and

staff. This will increase the number senators by 6 and will allow for all units to have fair representation.

We respectfully ask the UFS Executive Committee to consider this proposal and formulate their recommendation for consideration by the full Senate.

¹ As per the latest UUP Membership Report