

TO: Fort Wayne Senate

FROM: Ann Marshall, Chair of the Executive Committee

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SUBJ: Amendment to the Bylaws--Lecturers and Related Matters

WHEREAS, Purdue University updated and [supplemented](#) its policy ([VI.F.4](#)) concerning lecturers in AY 2019-2020; and

WHEREAS, these policy alterations, among other matters, replaced the term “continuing lecturers” with “lecturers” and allowed for lecturers to be promoted to “senior lecturers”; and

WHEREAS, these policy changes were fully implemented at PFW by the end of AY 2019-2020; and

WHEREAS, these policy shifts created anachronisms in the language of the Bylaws; and

WHEREAS, neither the Constitution nor the Bylaws contains explicit instructions concerning the selection process for the elected representative of the continuing lecturers; and

WHEREAS, some questions on these matters have arisen in recent months that the Executive Committee believes should be addressed; and

WHEREAS, there is a conflict between the Constitution and Bylaws concerning how special meetings of the Senate may be called;

BE IT RESOLVED, that, except as explicitly noted below, all mentions in the Bylaws of “continuing lecturers” be replaced with “lecturers”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 2.8 of the Bylaws be amended to read as the following:

“2.8. ~~Affiliations of~~ **The** elected representative of the ~~continuing~~ lecturers

2.8.1. Unless explicitly stated otherwise, all references to “lecturers” in these Bylaws shall apply to both lecturers and senior lecturers.

2.8.2. All lecturers are eligible to vote for, and be elected to, the position of elected representative of the lecturers.

2.8.3. The term of office of the elected representative of the lecturers shall be three years, beginning one week before the start of regular fall classes following election. When necessary, the Nominations and Elections Committee shall conduct this election among the lecturers so that the name of the incoming elected representative of the lecturers shall be transmitted to the Secretary of the Senate on the same schedule as that of incoming Senators. Should a vacancy in the position of the elected representative of the lecturers occur, the Nominations and Elections Committee shall immediately hold an election among the lecturers for any remaining time in that term.

~~2.8.1.~~ **2.8.4.** The elected representative of the ~~continuing~~ lecturers shall be considered a member of the academic department to which the most service is assigned, and the Major Unit to which that academic department is assigned. If the representative of the ~~continuing~~ lecturers serves in more than one unit, the representative shall be counted as a member of the unit to which the most service is assigned; an elected representative of the ~~continuing~~ lecturers who serves equally in two or more units shall inform the Chief Academic Officer, prior to the annual certification, of the unit in which the representative wishes to be counted.

~~2.8.2.~~ **2.8.5.** As stated in the Constitution (VII.A 4.), the elected representative of the ~~continuing~~ lecturers does not count toward an academic unit's apportionment.

~~2.8.3.~~ **2.8.6.** The elected representative of the ~~continuing~~ lecturers shall be eligible to serve on all Senate committees and subcommittees, but may not vote on issues regarding promotion and tenure for tenured and tenure-track faculty in the Senate or in committee.”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the first sentence of Section 4.1. of the Bylaws be amended to read as the following: “The Secretary shall distribute agendas and minutes of all Senate meetings and convocations to all members of the Faculty ~~and continuing lecturers.~~”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the first sentence of Section 2.1.2. of the Bylaws be amended to read as the following: “Special meetings of the Senate shall be held upon petition by twenty percent of the **Voting** Faculty, by forty percent of the Senate, or by action of the Executive Committee.”