FACULTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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TO: The Academic Senate
FROM: The Faculty Affairs Committee, Chair Ginno
SUBJECT: 13-14 FAC 3: Recommendation to Reduce the size of the Academic Senate and its Standing Committees
PURPOSE: For approval by the Academic Senate; effective Fall 2014

BACKGROUND:
In response to a request from Chair Watnik to examine the possibility of reducing the size of the Academic Senate and its standing committees, at the meeting of 11/20/13, FAC discussed changing the number of Faculty members serving on the Academic Senate and its standing committees. Due to the reduced size in faculty population, finding qualified faculty members to serve on Academic Senate and its various subcommittees has become difficult and in some cases burdensome. FAC feels that the following changes to the University Constitution and Bylaws, with proposed edits in red text and the proposed deletions with strikethroughs, will help ensure that enough qualified faculty volunteers will be seated.

FAC recommends the following changes to the University Constitution to reduce the number of faculty members serving on the Academic Senate:

ARTICLE V
THE ACADEMIC SENATE

SECTION 2: The membership of the Academic Senate shall include:
D. twenty-fiveone (2521) members elected by and from the Colleges of the University, distributed in proportion to the number of Regular Members in the Colleges, provided that every College shall have at least one member in the Academic Senate;

E. ten-eight (108) members-at-large, elected by and from the Regular Members of the University Faculty;

Furthermore, FAC recommends the following changes to the University Bylaws to reduce the number of faculty members serving on the standing committees:

ARTICLE XVII
THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY
SECTION 1: Committee on Instruction and Curriculum (CIC)
   C. The Membership of the Committee on Instruction and Curriculum shall be:
      1) Eight Seven (87) members from the Colleges of the University;

SECTION 2: Committee on Academic Planning and Review (CAPR)
   C. The Membership of the Committee on Instruction and Curriculum shall be:
      1) Eight Seven (87) members from the Colleges of the University;

SECTION 3: Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC)
   C. The Membership of the Committee on Instruction and Curriculum shall be:
      1) Eight Seven (87) tenured members from the Colleges of the University;

SECTION 4: Committee on Research (CR)
   C. The Membership of the Committee on Instruction and Curriculum shall be:
      1) Eight Seven (87) members from the Colleges of the University;

ACTION REQUESTED:
That the Academic Senate considers approving these changes to the Constitution and Bylaws, thereby reducing the faculty seats on the Academic Senate and its standing committees, effective Fall of 2014.