

To: The University Senate
From: Nominating Committee
Subject: Senate Standing Committee Members Temporary Leaves of Absence
Reference: Bylaw 5.21(a)
Disposition: University Senate for Discussion and Adoption

Rationale: The Nominating Committee often finds out during the summer (or occasionally in the late fall) that a Senator will be on a temporary leave of absence. The Nominating Committee must then convene, find a replacement, vote on it, and then take the nomination to the full Senate for confirmation. In practice, this means that the person selected as a limited-term substitute senator will not be able to meet with their committee(s) until late September, in some cases missing 1-2 meetings before the Senate can convene. Under such circumstances, it would be the most efficient if the substitute Senator appointed by their academic unit cover the Senator's absence on their respective Senate Standing Committee(s) as well.

Proposal: The Nominating Committee proposes an addition to Bylaw 5.21(a) stipulating that in the case of Senators going on a short (1-semester) leave of absence, if their academic unit selects a temporary replacement Senator, then this Senator will also replace the person on leave for their Senate Standing Committee assignment(s) during the colleague's short-term absence. For absences longer than one semester, the regular nomination process for Senate Standing Committees would still be in effect.

Current:
5.21 Duties and Responsibilities

The duties of the Nominating Committee are to:

a) Nominate elective members for all Senate committees, which may require the Nominating Committee to nominate Senators to fill Senate committee seats when too few Senators volunteer to fill all required Senate committee seats.

Proposed addition:

In the case of Senators going on a short (1-semester) leave of absence, if their academic unit selects a temporary replacement, then that Senator will also replace the person on leave for their Standing Committee assignment(s).

Committee Votes:

For:

Dulcy Abraham
Michael McNamara
Larry F. Nies
Robert Nowack
Jan Olek
Joseph Sobieralski
Qifan Song
Mario Ventresca

Against:

Abstained:

Absent:

Martin Corless