

To: The University Senate
From: The Faculty Affairs Committee
Subject: University Senate Quorum Standard
Reference: Bylaw 4.07: Quorum
Disposition: University Senate for Discussion and Adoption

Rationale: Bylaw 4.07 currently states that 51 members of the Senate constitute a quorum. This, though, is a holdover from when the Senate comprised 102 members. There are currently 104 Senators.

Proposal: Bylaw 4.07 will be amended to state that quorum is 50% of Senators plus one.

Current:

4.07 Quorum

Fifty-one members of the Senate constitute a quorum. No substitute is permitted to serve during the absence of a Senator. The Sergeant-at-Arms determines the presence of a quorum at the beginning of each meeting and at other times at the request of the presiding officer. On instruction from the presiding officer, the Sergeant-at-Arms may attempt to secure the attendance of additional members of the Senate needed to complete a quorum. (Once a Senate meeting begins, the presence of a quorum is determined only upon request from the floor of the Senate.)

Proposed:

4.07 Quorum

50% of Senators plus one additional member constitute a quorum. No substitute is permitted to serve during the absence of a Senator. The Sergeant-at-Arms determines the presence of a quorum at the beginning of each meeting and at other times at the request of the presiding officer. On instruction from the presiding officer, the Sergeant-at-Arms may attempt to secure the attendance of additional members of the Senate needed to complete a quorum. (Once a Senate meeting begins, the presence of a quorum is determined only upon request from the floor of the Senate.)

Committee Votes:

For:

Françoise Brosseau-Lapré*
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Against:

N/A

Abstained:

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Absent:

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