ART 16-01: Definition and Voting Rights for Departmental Permanent Faculty Meetings

Whereas regular communication facilitated by in-person meetings among faculty is essential to efficient, transparent and democratic department governance; and

Whereas the permanent faculty, as a group, play an important administrative role in the long-term stewardship and planning of academic programs; and

Whereas individual committees and program area meetings are not, in themselves, intended as forums for department-wide policy-making; be it therefore

Resolved That the permanent faculty shall meet on a monthly basis during the regular academic year; and be it further

Resolved That the permanent faculty shall be defined as consisting of all tenure-track, tenured and FERP faculty, regardless of the actual percentage of departmental appointment and regardless of whether the individual faculty member is actively teaching in any given semester; and be it further

Resolved That the quorum shall consist of a majority of permanent faculty who are actively teaching in that semester; and be it further

Resolved That the department chair shall also serve as the chair of the permanent faculty meetings, moderating discussion and recording votes and explanatory minutes for the permanent department records.

Resolution approved at the meeting of 13 September, 2016.
Breakdown of votes: 9=Yes; 0=No; 1=Abstain