Senate Management Resolution

Membership of the
Board of Academic Freedom and Professional Responsibility

Resolved: Section II of S99-9 “Election, Qualifications, and Terms of Membership” is replaced as follows:

1. BAFPR will consist of one tenured full Professor per college plus an equivalent member from the General Unit.
2. Terms of office shall be two years, with the possibility of renewal.
3. Emeriti faculty are eligible to serve.
4. Members should possess an understanding of academic freedom and professional ethics and should be beyond reproach in their own behavior.
5. Members shall be appointed according to the usual procedures of the Senate. The willingness and qualifications of nominees to serve shall be ascertained prior to their confirmation.

Rationale: The Board of Academic Freedom and Professional Responsibility fulfills an important set of functions, as spelled out in several policies. Its membership, however, is unduly restrictive and cumbersome. It is more difficult to become a member of the BAFPR than to be elected to the Academic Senate. As a result, membership has dwindled. In order to restore a robust membership so that BAFPR can fulfill its charge, this Senate Management Resolution replaces election with appointment, changes the term from 4 years to 2 years, simplifies confirmation, and allows for Emeriti faculty to serve.

Approved: February 25, 2019

Vote: 9-0-1

Present: Chin, Kumar, He, Monday, McKee, Cargill, Peter, Raman, Kemnitz, Mahendra
Absent: Rodriguez

Financial Impacts: None

Workload Impact: