

REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE

FROM: Committee on Faculty Membership

DATE: September 12, 2022

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

The Committee on Faculty Membership met on July 7, 2022, to discuss RII receiving a Faculty Senate seat pursuant to Art. VIII, Sec. 2 of the Bylaws, which states:

The Colleges shall include each academic college as well as any unit whose General Faculty membership exceeds the number of General Faculty in the smallest academic college. Those General Faculty members who are not part of any academic college and whose numbers in their individual units do not meet the above criteria shall conduct an election as if they constitute a common college.

Chair Dysart explained that this provision was approved by a vote of the General Faculty in 2017. The smallest college at that time had 22 general faculty members, but currently the smallest college (Veterinary Medicine) has 7 general faculty members.

The Committee agreed that RII, which has 40+ general faculty members that do not vote with other colleges has met the standard in the Bylaws and should have a seat in a Senate. As the Committee understood the provision, no further vote by the Committee or Senate was needed for RII to receive its seat.

The Committee then reviewed two faculty members who had less than .5 FTE positions at RII. The faculty were emeritus, with previous appointments at other Colleges. We determined that faculty with joint appointments should be coded to vote with their tenure home college. We further determined that these emeritus faculty should vote with their tenure home college, especially because their RII positions were less than full time and would not, themselves, be sufficient to fall under the definition of general faculty.

GOALS:

Report on our meeting to the Senate and see RII assume its seat in the Senate as soon as possible.