

PROPOSED CHARTER AND BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS

1. A Resolution to Amend the Charter of the UNT Faculty Senate by Revising the Procedure for the Election of Senate Officers.

Article IV of the Senate Charter shall be amended by adding the italicized passages to sections 1 and 2:

Section 1. (As amended 2-9-72/ratified 2-29-72 and 2-9-00/ratified 4-10-00; 3-12-02.) A chair shall be elected from among the senate at the May meeting. *For the sole purpose of the election of the next year's Senate officers, all newly (incoming) elected Senators shall be invited to the May Senate meeting and shall be eligible to vote in the election of the Senate's incoming officers. Senators whose terms are expiring shall not be eligible to vote in the election of the incoming Senate officers, but shall retain their vote on any other Senate business until the regular expiration of their terms.* It shall be the chair's duty to preside at meetings of the senate. The chair shall vote only in the case of a tie vote. The term of the chair shall be from July 1st to June 30th.

Section 2. (As amended 2-9-00/ratified 4-10-00) The Faculty Senate shall elect from among its members a vice chair, who shall preside in the absence of the chair, and such other officers as it deems appropriate. It shall define the additional duties of its officers. The officers shall be elected at the May senate meeting and terms of office shall be from July 1st to June 30th. *Election of the vice chair and other Senate officers shall follow the procedures stipulated Section 1 of this Article.*

2. A Resolution to Amend the Charter of the UNT Faculty Senate by Providing for the Removal and Replacement of Senate Officers.

Article IV of the Senate Charter shall be amended by adding it to a new Section V that shall state:

Section 5. Faculty Senate officers serve at the pleasure of the Senate. A faculty Senate officer may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the voting members of the Senate (vacant Senate seats shall not be counted in determining the two-thirds majority needed for removal of an officer). A motion to remove an officer shall be privileged, taking precedence over any other Senate business except the election of officers. A resolution for removal of an officer may be introduced by any Senator, and must be seconded by at least two other Senators in order for a vote for removal to be taken. A twice-seconded motion for removal of an officer shall be considered a first reading of the motion. The vote of Senators on a resolution to remove an officer shall be conducted at the next regularly scheduled Senate meeting, or at a called special session of the Senate. Should an officer be removed before the completion of that officer's regular term of office, the Senate shall immediately elect a member of the Senate to fill the resulting vacancy and to complete the remainder of the uncompleted term of office.

3. An Accompanying Resolution to Amend the UNT Faculty Senate By-laws in Relation to a Secret Ballot in the Election and Removal of Senate Officers.

Article IV, Section 6 of the Senate By-laws shall be amended by adding to it a new subsection c. that shall state (new material in italics):

c. In the election or removal of Senate officers, a secret ballot shall be conducted upon the request of any Senator.

4. A Resolution to Amend the UNT Faculty Senate Bylaws concerning the Terms of Office of Members and the Election of Chair of the Committee on Committees.

Bylaws Section 3, subsections b and c on the COC should be amended as follows:

b. Composition. The Committee on Committees shall consist of one senator from each of the nine constituency groups of the senate, elected by fellow senators in that group, plus the chair, vice chair and the secretary of the senate. *Each May following the election of new senate officers, the committee shall elect a chair from among its continuing members to serve a one-year term that begins immediately upon election.*

c. Terms. The term of each member of the Committee on Committees shall be ~~[DELETE THE FOLLOWING UNDERLINED PASSAGE from the September to the beginning of the following September meeting AND REPLACE WITH]~~ *two years from their election to the committee in September and shall continue until the beginning of the September meeting two years later. The members' terms should be staggered so that no more than half the members rotate off at a give time. Upon first (or subsequent) implementation of the staggering of committee members' terms, the allocation of one year and two year terms shall be conducted by lot.*

5. A Resolution to Amend the UNT Faculty Senate Bylaws by Revising the Makeup of and Adding a Co-Chair to the Fine Arts Committee.

Old Bylaws Section 3, subsection b should be deleted entirely and replaced with the following new subsection b.

b. Composition. The Fine Arts Committee shall be composed as follows: Five faculty members appointed by the Faculty Senate; five staff members appointed by the UNT Staff Council; two ex officio faculty or staff members appointed by the Vice President for Student Development; and 6 student representatives appointed by President of the UNT Student Government Association. The term of service of committee members shall be three years, with the exception of student members whose terms shall be one year. The Vice President for Student Development shall designate one of the two ex officio members he/she names to the committee to serve as co-chairperson of the committee. The student co-chairperson of the committee shall be appointed by the President of the Student Government Association.