

To: Faculty Senate Executive Council and Faculty Senate
From: Steve Thomas, President-Elect
Subject: Proposed Bylaws Changes
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An examination of our Bylaws and those of the University of Tennessee System Faculty Council (UFC) has uncovered differences in the procedures to be followed when an elected representative is unable to complete his or her three-year term of office. The appropriate sections are these two documents are quoted below, with the differences highlighted. In summary, our bylaws call for the election of someone for a new, three-year term while the UFC bylaws call for an election of someone to complete the original three-year term.

Bylaws / Faculty Senate of The University of Tennessee, Knoxville
ARTICLE IV. Officers: Duties, Qualifications, and Resources.

Section 6. University Faculty Council Representative.

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If for any reason a representative is not able to complete his or her term, the Faculty Senate Executive Council shall elect an individual to complete the current year of the term. An election for a representative for a new three-year term is then to be conducted as per Article III, Section 3. F. by the Committee on Nominations and Appointments.

Bylaws of the University of Tennessee System Faculty Council

Article 2 Membership and Election

Section 3 Replacement of Members

B. Representative Replacement

In the event that a campus elected representative to the UFC is no longer able to serve, resigns, or no longer meets the eligibility criteria specified above, or is recalled by their Faculty Senate, the responsibility for selection of a new representative shall be given to the Faculty Senate of the campus. This representative shall complete the term of office of the individual they are replacing. They shall be eligible to serve another complete term on the UFC if so elected by their campus.

In order to bring these two documents into agreement, I am suggesting the following changes to the second paragraph of Article IV, Section 6.

If for any reason a representative is not able to complete his or her term, the Faculty Senate Executive Council shall ~~elect~~ *appoint* an individual to *serve as an interim representative until a special election may be held to complete the remainder of the current three-year of the term.* ~~An~~ *This* election for a representative for a new three-year term is ~~then~~ to be conducted as per Article III, Section 3. F. by the Committee on Nominations and Appointments. *If less than one year remains in the current term, the interim representative serves until a representative is elected and takes office following the next regular election. The interim representative may stand for election in either the special or regular election.*