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Faculty Senate Bylaws Revision

For consideration at the September 16, 2019 Executive Council Meeting

This proposed bylaw change was discussed and slightly revised at the May 6, 2019 meeting and is presented for action at the Faculty Senate meeting on September 16, 2019. At the October 15, 2018 Faculty Senate meeting we changed our bylaws to establish a process to elect a faculty representative to the Campus Advisory Council. This proposed change will make a few additional revisions as identified below:

Section 8. Faculty Representative to the UTK Advisory Board. A representative of the UTK campus faculties will be elected by the Faculty Senate to serve a two-year term on the UTK Campus Advisory Board. Nominees will be solicited by the Committee on Nominations and Appointments during the ~~spring~~ fall semester prior to the term of appointment. Up to two nominees will be presented for election by the full Faculty Senate for election at the February meeting (in alternate years) to help avoid potential conflicts that could result from having a faculty representative who has supervisory responsibilities over a student representative. The faculty representative's term of office begins on July 1 following his or her election. The representative will attend and report to the Faculty Senate Executive Council and the Faculty Senate as needed. If for any reason a representative is not able to complete his or her term, the Faculty Senate Executive Council shall appoint an individual to complete the remainder of the term.

This proposed change seeks to address the issue of potential conflicts of interest between the elected faculty representative and a student who is selected by April 15th of each year. Completing elections for the faculty representative in February (of alternate years) is intended to avoid such conflicts.