

removal of GRDI from the Faculty Senate Constitution and By-Laws

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All members of the Gus R. Douglas Institute (GRDI) who have faculty standing are already members of and represented within academic departments or divisions. It is therefore redundant and unfair for such faculty to be represented twice.

Note that GRDI would still be represented (*ex officio*, non-voting) on the Library Committee and on the Research and Faculty Development Committee.

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Article IV. Organization and Membership

B. Elected Members

1. All elected members of the Senate shall be full-time faculty members, including department chairpersons, other members of the faculty who would normally qualify except for special temporary assignments, and full-time librarians and counselors, ~~and personnel of the Gus R. Douglass Land Grant Institute (also known as GRDI).~~ Members shall be eligible for reelection.
2. For the purposes of division/college representation, the librarians and counselors ~~and GRDI~~ shall be considered as a division. Each division/college shall elect its Senators. Every division/college shall be represented by at least two Senators. Each division/college shall elect an additional Senator for each 15 members above the number of 14; so that a division/college with 16 to 30 members will elect a third Senator, a division/college with 31-45 members will elect a fourth Senator, and so on.

Article V. Electorate

The electorate is comprised of full-time members of the faculty, including department chairs, deans, and other members of the faculty who would normally qualify except for special temporary assignments, and full-time librarians and counselors, ~~and personnel of GRDI.~~

Article VIII: Amendments (to the Constitution)

Amendments to this Constitution shall be proposed by a majority vote of the Senate, or by a written request signed by 10% of its electorate. Proposed amendments shall be submitted to the general faculty in writing. The Senate shall direct the Senate Executive Committee to conduct a written, mailed ballot vote of the faculty on all proposed amendments. An amendment is adopted by affirmative vote of a majority of those voting.

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Article I. Meetings

C. Terms Defined

The word "college" used herein shall refer to the academically related areas of the university, including: Arts and Humanities, Business and Social Sciences, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and Professional Studies. The word "Division" used herein shall refer to the academically-related area of the university, namely Librarians and Counselors, ~~and GRDI~~. The term shall relate to and identify the areas in which general elections will be held.

Article II. Elections

A. Senate

1. The members of the four colleges, the Librarians and Counselors ~~and GRDI~~ shall elect members of the Senate and Senate Alternates during the first week of March. The names of the elected members shall be submitted to the Senate and the general faculty. Newly elected Senators and Senate Alternates shall take office at an appropriate time during the regular Senate meeting in May, after which the newly constituted membership of the Senate will elect those of its officers who are to be elected, namely Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, and Historian.

Article VI: Amendments (to the By-Laws)

- A.** *Any Senate member may propose an amendment to these bylaws by submitting the proposed amendment at a regular meeting of the Senate. Any full-time faculty member may propose an amendment to these by-laws by submitting the proposed amendment in writing to the Secretary of the Senate.*
- B.** *Upon approval of the majority of the Senate present and voting at a regular meeting, the proposed amendment will be sent to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Faculty Handbook Committee, which shall re-word or reorganize, without substantive change, such portions as are necessary to conform to the standard format. The Constitution, Bylaws, and Faculty Handbook Committee shall then send its recommendation on the proposed amendment to the Senate. The proposed amendment will become effective upon approval of the majority of the Senate present and voting at a regular meeting.*