



UNIVERSITY SENATE
University Structure & Governance Committee

Recommendations on Senate Membership – New Brunswick Faculty

November 2007

1. THE CHARGE

The charge below was issued to the University Structure and Governance Committee (USGC):

S-0603: *Senate Membership-New Brunswick*
Make recommendations for revision of the Senate membership and bylaws in light of the restructuring of the New Brunswick schools and colleges. Respond to Senate Executive Committee by November 2007.

2. SUMMARY

With the recent, large-scale transformation of the undergraduate education structure at Rutgers – New Brunswick, Senate-position entitlements for students and faculty needed to be re-evaluated. The transformation resulted in the elimination of the Faculty of Arts and Science and undergraduate colleges, which previously had assigned to them Senate positions for both students and faculty in those eliminated units (which are all now in the School of Arts and Sciences-New Brunswick (SAS-NB)).

In the spring of 2007, the University Senate approved a new structure for student-Senator entitlements (see <http://senate.rutgers.edu/USGConStudentRepresentationInSenateAsRevisedAndAdopted021607.pdf>), which had been proposed by the newly formed Student Assembly. However, reviewing faculty seats was delayed until the fall.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

The USGC met and discussed the charge during the spring 2007 and fall 2007 semesters. The following recommendations address the current charge, which relates to faculty-Senator entitlements only. It does not address other issues concerning non-tenure-track faculty, part-time lecturer or annual-appointee faculty, or general issues associated with Senate composition or entitlement formulas for various constituencies. Those matters will be discussed by the USGC during its deliberations on Charge S-0712, in which they are the focus.

[Relevant Senate bylaws are available online at <http://senate.rutgers.edu/enablingregulations.html>]

Recommendation 1:

Change in Senate bylaws and enabling regulations (University Regulations):
Regulation 50.2.1.C should be revised to read:

“(3) Faculty representation in units that share faculty, (the Faculty of Arts and Sciences-Newark, the Newark College of Arts and Sciences, and University College-Newark; and for the Faculty of Arts and Sciences-Camden, Camden College of Arts and Sciences, and University College-Camden) shall be the larger number based on the same formula as provided in C(2) (one per 45 budgeted faculty lines or 600 full-time equivalent (FTE) students), and the number for each campus shall be distributed as follows: one-half to the colleges and one-half to the Faculty or Faculties (in case the number is uneven, the extra senator is to be assigned to the Faculty or Faculties); for the colleges, the number is to be divided among the appropriate units on each campus in proportion to FTE student enrollment, except that each college shall have at least one representative; for the Faculties of a campus, the number is to be divided in proportion to faculty lines, except that each Faculty shall have at least one representative.”

[NOTE: The current reference to shared faculties in New Brunswick has been removed because the Faculty of Arts and Sciences-New Brunswick is now the faculty of the School of Arts and Sciences-New Brunswick, and therefore is no longer shared.)

Rationale for revision:

- The proposed revision removes the phrases that referenced FAS-New Brunswick and the undergraduate colleges in New Brunswick. This is appropriate since the statement in whole refers to “shared faculties,” which no longer exist in New Brunswick. Academic units in New Brunswick are defined by the “schools.”
- The prior statement, subsection 2, captures the seat entitlement for New Brunswick faculty:
 - Each undergraduate and graduate professional college or school (except those listed in (3) below) shall be entitled to the larger number of faculty senators based upon: (a) one senator for each 45 budgeted faculty lines or major fraction thereof, or (b) one senator for each 600 full-time equivalent students or major fraction thereof, except that each school or college shall be entitled to at least one representative. This provision applies to those undergraduate and graduate and professional colleges or schools not specifically included in C(3) below.

Recommendation 2:

The official Senate-membership rosters shall list the faculty Senators elected to represent the School of Arts and Sciences-New Brunswick together in a single category in that school. Election to, and by, and representation of, specific components or campuses within SAS-NB shall be matters covered within the bylaws of the SAS-NB, and shall not be monitored by the Senate nor reflected in the Senate roster.

Rationale for revision:

This recommendation is consistent with the method of listing SAS-NB student Senators. It does not preclude subcategories of representation which may be assigned internally at SAS-NB (or, in the case of students, at the Student Assembly). This also maintains consistency with established Senate policy that elections are conducted based on the electing unit’s own bylaws.

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