

To: University Faculty Council Members
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Attached is a slightly revised version of the proposed UFC bylaws. This reflects comments received over the last few days.

These revisions:

(1) Correct an error in what was distributed last week. The heads of the faculty governance units of the various campuses do not count against the number of elected members of the UFC that each campus is entitled to. Rather, as stated in the Constitution, these eight campus faculty governance body heads are automatically voting ex-officio members of the Council.

(2) Correct an error in the number of elected UFC Executive Committee members from IUB and IUPUI. The Constitution specifies that IUB members of the Council elect two additional members to the Executive Committee, as do the members from IUPUI. The regional campus members elect one Executive Committee member. Thus, there is no change here for 2015-2016 from the current system.

Thus, going forward, the UFC Executive Committee consists of 14 members:

The President of Indiana University

The three Co-Chairs of the UFC (one from IUB, one from IUPUI, one from the RFC)

The five other heads of faculty governance bodies from the remaining regional campuses.

Five members elected from the incoming UFC (2 by IUB, 2 by IUPUI, 1 by the Regionals).

(3) A few other minor adjustments in language (for example, the section of elected members of the UFC now only covers elected members and voting ex-officio faculty members have been moved to the section of the bylaws covering ex-officio members.

Overall, these proposed bylaw amendments, I believe, primarily do three things. They revise the bylaws to reflect the changes in the Constitution recently adopted by the faculty – (1) designation of Co-Secretaries as Co-Chairs, (2) expansion of the Co-Chairs from two to three (IUB, IUPUI and RFC) and (3) clarify that these three persons automatically become Co-Chairs of UFC (there is no “election” of them by the entire body.

The amendments are also intended to clarify the timeline and system for electing members of the UFC and completing the election of the Executive Committee and to improve readability.

These bylaws set a common term for all members of the UFC and for the Council's Officers (Co-Chairs and Executive Committee). If adopted, henceforth all of these terms begin July 1st and end June 30th. It is expected that the election processes of all campus will be able to fit this

schedule.

Thus, the timetable to getting new members and officers of the UFC each year runs as follows:

By October 15th. UFC Staff determines how many elected members each IU administered campus is entitled to (under a 1 member for every 200 faculty/librarians a campus has formula). Office notifies head of each campus of this number.

ASAP following January 1st. UFC Staff determine how many elected members IPFW is entitled to under the formula. IPFW currently takes its faculty census on a different schedule than does IU (and IUPUI which is administered by IU). So it can't be known until after the IPFW census how many members of the UFC that campus is entitled to for the following year.

Between October 15th (and January 1 in the case of IPFW) and April 15th. Campuses conduct elections of their representatives to the UFC and complete selection of their own governance body leader (who automatically becomes a voting ex-officio UFC member).

By April 15th. Campuses certify the names of their elected and voting ex-officio members for the upcoming year to the UFC Office.

Prior to July 1st, the voting members of the UFC (who will all be known by April 15th) complete the selection of the Executive Committee for the following year. Hopefully this can be completed well before July 1st.

June 30th. Terms of office for outgoing UFC officers, Executive Committee Members and UFC members end.

July 1st. Terms of office for incoming UFC officers, Executive Committee Members and UFC members begin.

My thanks to all who have assisted in this revision. I look forward to UFC consideration of these amendments to the Bylaws at our February 24th meeting.