

## **Article V: Meetings of the Bloomington Faculty Council**

### **Section 5.1: Meetings**

The Executive Committee shall schedule meetings of the Bloomington Faculty Council on the first and third Tuesdays of the month during the regular school year, to include at least four meetings each semester. Council meetings shall be open to non-members as provided in the bylaws.

### **Section 5.2: Legislative Functions**

All matters appropriate for faculty action under Section 2.1 may be considered by the Council. The Council may act as the representative of the faculty or may refer such matters to the faculty.

### **Section 5.3: Administrative Functions**

The Council shall have administrative powers to carry out its functions, financed from campus funds, and to adopt its own bylaws.

### **Section 5.4: Responsibility to the Faculty**

- A. The Council promptly shall report its proceedings to the faculty.
- B. On votes dealing with substantive matters, the reports shall include an accounting of how the individual Council members, or their alternates, voted. At the request of a majority of the Council members present, any matter must be submitted to the faculty for consideration, either by paper or electronic ballot or at a faculty meeting.

### **Section 5.5: Members**

#### **A. Representation of Faculty and Librarian Units.**

##### **1. Faculty and Librarian Election Units; Qualifications of Representatives**

The following units shall each constitute an election unit: College of Arts and Sciences; School of Business; School of Education; School of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation; School of Journalism; School of Law; School of Library and Information Science; School of Music; School of Optometry; School of Public and Environmental Affairs; the Library; and the School of Informatics. However, the College of Arts and Sciences shall be divided into sub-election units in a manner specified by agreement of the College Policy Committee and the Bloomington Faculty Council Nomination Committee. Such division of the College into sub-election units shall be published with the Council's bylaws governing the conduct of elections. Faculty members in any sub-election unit of the College may nominate and vote in all sub-election units of the College. Further, any academic units with faculty on the Bloomington campus not included within the above units shall be grouped together to constitute an election unit. Council representatives from election units must be persons qualifying under

sections 1.1 or 1.2 of this constitution and shall be nominated and elected by such qualified persons in the represented unit.

## 2. Basis of Representation

Each faculty and librarian election unit shall have a minimum of one Council representative. The Council's bylaws shall specify a basis for apportioning representatives to election units in accordance with the number of persons in the units qualifying under sections 1.1 or 1.2 of this constitution so that there will be not less than thirty nor more than thirty-five faculty and librarian unit Council representatives. The College of Arts and Sciences, in addition to its representatives of its sub-election units, shall have a representative to represent the College at large.

### **B. At-Large Campus Representatives**

There shall be ten Council representatives elected from the Bloomington campus at large of whom at least two must be untenured. Such representatives must be persons qualifying under section 1.1 and 1.2 of this constitution.

### **C. Non-Tenure Track Campus Representation**

Non-tenure-track faculty shall constitute an election unit entitled to three representatives. One Council representative must hold a Research Appointment and qualify under section 1.3 of this Constitution. One Council representative must hold a Clinical Appointment and qualify under section 1.3 of this Constitution. One Council representative must hold a Lecturer Appointment and qualify under section 1.3 of this Constitution.

### **D. Retired Faculty and Librarians**

Retired faculty and librarians with an Indiana address of record in the Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs shall constitute an election unit entitled to two Council representatives.

### **E. Term of Office, Nomination, and Election**

The Council representatives specified in sections 5.5.A to D shall hold office for a two-year term. Except as provided below, an elected member shall be eligible to serve two consecutive terms but then shall be ineligible for the next two elections. In the conduct of elections, the Council's Nomination Committee shall arrange that half of the unit representatives and half of the at-large representatives will be elected each year. The Council's bylaws shall specify the procedures for nomination and election of unit and at-large representatives.

### **F. Nomination, and Election, and Term of Office of the Faculty President**

The Faculty President shall be elected by the faculty at large from among at least two nominees through a process stipulated in the bylaws. Only faculty currently serving on the Council shall be eligible for nomination and election as President. A Faculty President shall be eligible for an extension of the maximum term of consecutive Council membership up to six years. Any member whose term has been extended under this provision shall be ineligible for re-election to the Council for the next two elections following the end of his or her term.

### **G. Administrators**

The President and Provost and such additional administrative officers as may be designated in the Council's bylaws shall be voting members of the Council.

### **H. Student Representatives**

The voting membership of the Council shall include:

1. The President and a Vice President of the Student Association.
2. Four graduate students selected in accordance with the procedures of the Graduate and Professional Student Organization, of whom at least one shall be an officer of the Graduate and Professional Student Organization and at least two shall be associate instructors.

**I.** The President of the Professional Council shall be a voting member of the Council.

**J.** [One representative of the Communications Workers of America \(CWA\), Local 4730, designated by that organization, shall be a voting member of the Council.](#)

### **K.J. Non-voting Members**

The Council's bylaws may provide for non-voting BFC representation of other campus constituencies.

## **Section 5.6: Relation of Bloomington Faculty Council to Faculty and Librarian Unit Governance**

The Council's bylaws shall provide for ways in which the work of the Council and faculty and librarian unit governance may be coordinated. To that end, a Council representative from each faculty and librarian unit elected pursuant to section 5.5.A shall serve as a Council liaison to the policy committee, or equivalent, of the unit. In the case of the College of Arts and Sciences, this representative shall be the representative elected from the College at large. For other units with more than one Council representative, the Council's bylaws shall adopt a means of specifying which of its representatives shall serve in the policy committee liaison role.