Proposal from Ad-Hoc Committee on Adjunct Representation

Proposed change to UM System Faculty Bylaws 300.040 – Paragraph D (1)

Proposed changes in red below

D. University Assembly

1. Membership The voting members of the Assembly shall consist of the elected members of the Senate; the President; the Chancellor; the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs; the Dean of the Graduate School; the Vice Provost for Student Affairs; student representatives equal in number to one-third of the faculty members of the Assembly; two members of the adjunct faculty; and three staff members, including the President of the Staff Association. Non-voting members shall consist of vice chancellors and vice provosts not already included, deans of all colleges and schools (whether or not their faculties are represented), the Dean of Libraries, and the President of the Student Government Association.

RATIONALE:
In response to comments in its Five-Year Review, the Faculty Senate established an ad-hoc committee to consider including adjunct representation in shared governance at UMSL. A survey sent out earlier in the year confirmed that the majority of adjuncts across campus would like to see greater representation. This committee considered ways in which adjunct faculty could have a greater voice, and our conclusion was to add two representatives to the Assembly.