

Proposal from Ad-Hoc Committee on Adjunct Representation

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Proposed changes in red below

University Assembly:

1. Elected faculty members of the Assembly shall serve three-year staggered terms co-terminus with their service in the Senate. Elected student members of the Assembly will serve a term of one year and shall be elected by the student body each year. **Elected adjunct faculty members will serve a term of one semester and will be elected by the adjunct faculty each semester.** Selected staff members of the Assembly will serve a term of one year and shall be selected by the Staff Association. Any elected member of the Assembly may be re-elected. The term of office of all Senators shall begin on the first day of August following their election.

2. Each year during the spring semester student members shall be elected at large without regard to department, school, college, or parallel unit affiliation. To qualify for service on the Assembly, a student must be enrolled in good standing, must not be on disciplinary probation, must have a cumulative grade point average calculated by the University of Missouri-St. Louis to be at least 2.0, and must have completed a minimum of nine hours of academic credit at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Qualified students who are interested in becoming members of the Assembly shall make their candidacy known to the Vice Provost for Student Affairs by March 1 of each year. The Vice Provost shall verify that the candidates satisfy all requirements for service on the Assembly. Not later than March 15 of each year, duly registered students shall elect the appropriate number of student senators from the list of eligible candidates making themselves available. Only eligible students who file their candidacy in advance may be elected.

3. During the week before the start of the fall and spring semesters, two adjunct faculty members, each from a different parallel unit, shall be elected to serve as at large representatives on the Assembly. To be eligible for election to the Assembly, adjunct faculty members must have taught at UMSL for at least three semesters within the past five academic years at the time of their election, and must be teaching, or have been contracted to teach, at UMSL during the semester(s) they serve on the Assembly. Adjunct faculty who are interested in running for election to the Assembly shall make their candidacy known no later than two weeks prior to the start of the semester. Only eligible adjunct faculty who file their candidacy in advance may be elected. Of the slate of adjunct candidates, the two nominees from different parallel units with the most votes will be elected to serve on the Assembly.

3. 4. The Secretary shall distribute the agenda to all members of the Assembly at least three days in advance of each meeting, shall keep minutes of each meeting of the Assembly, and shall distribute a copy of the minutes of each meeting to all members of the Assembly. The Secretary shall also maintain the official roster of the Assembly, and shall collect annual reports on committee activities, which shall be submitted in written form by each committee chairperson no later than May 10 of each year.

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.