

Restructuring Internal Governance

3 issues have arisen which have prompted faculty leaders to consider the possibility of restructuring internal governance:

- Internal governance is subject to review and modification when a new University President assumes office.
- Vacancies on the Senate suggest that change is required to re-engage faculty in the internal governance of the University.
- Dept. of Justice has provided a draft opinion to our question regarding quorum and voting requirements of the Assembly which recommends that the statutory faculty have a mechanism to meet/vote.

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Outlining a mechanism for the statutory faculty to meet/vote:

- Statutory faculty are currently defined as full-time tenured and tenure-track teaching professors, career NTTF, and the University President.
- Statutory Faculty Meetings may be convened by the University President, by an affirmative vote of the University Senate, or after submission to the Secretary of the Faculty of a valid petition signed by a minimum of 10% of the Statutory Faculty.
- Minimum quorum of 20% of the total membership must be in attendance for motions or resolutions to be considered. A motion or resolution shall pass upon an affirmative vote by a majority of members in attendance.
- Voting on motions or resolutions may also occur via a web-based mechanism. Minimum quorum and voting requirements shall be the same as those for physical meetings

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Discuss whether and how to change internal governance:

- Create Faculty Senate:
 - Small representational body of the statutory faculty
 - Considers only issues directly related to the academics - promotion & tenure; faculty salaries; student conduct, academic plan, etc.
- University Senate still exists:
 - Communication - Faculty Senate president and vice-president also serve these roles in University Senate.
 - Considers issues of broad concern to the UO community - parking, athletics, campus planning, etc.
 - Reapportion University Senate by reducing the number of faculty seats and increasing the number of seats for OAs, classified staff, and students.

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Statutory faculty to meet/vote on changes:

- Consider pros and cons of creating a Faculty Senate or maintaining status quo (fall-winter).
- Goal is to provide a draft of a revised internal governance document which reflects any changes to the incoming University President (spring).
- Once the new President has provided feedback the statutory faculty will ratify the new governance document (spring).
- New structure can take effect as early as Fall 2009.