

Proposal to amend Section II.C.2 of the Rules and Procedures of the Faculty of Princeton University

Whereas the mission of the university requires the pursuit of truth through open inquiry, and,

Whereas Princeton University is committed to encouraging all members of the University community to express and learn from a broad spectrum of diverse perspectives, and,

Whereas votes that commit the faculty as a collective to a particular political or ideological viewpoint necessarily stifle free inquiry and expression, and,

Consistent with existing university policy barring faculty and staff from using university resources to engage in political activity or from “creating the impression of University support or endorsement for their views or activities” (OGC, “Guidance for Faculty and Staff on Political and Public Advocacy Activities”)

https://ogc.princeton.edu/sites/g/files/toruqf2461/files/media/508_guidance_for_faculty_and_staff_on_political_and_public_advocacy.pdf

We propose the following amendment to Section II.C.2 of the Rules and Procedures of the Faculty:

“Proposals presented at faculty meetings for a general vote of the faculty must pertain to matters of university governance that fall within the faculty’s jurisdiction. The faculty shall not vote on the issuing of collective political or ideological statements or on recommendations for other collective political or ideological actions unrelated to the faculty’s sphere of governance.”

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