

Preamble

On May 28, 2021 the Faculty Senate approved the following changes to FUAC.

Section E: Faculty University Awards Committee (FUAC) (2016 Bylaws Pages 26)

2. Membership:

The Committee shall consist of ~~10~~~~eight~~ voting members, including: a ~~S~~student Government Association Representative, at least one a Distinguished ~~Faculty Award recipient, at least three Service Professor, a Distinguished Teaching Professor, a~~ Chancellor's Award recipients, the Old Westbury Faculty Senate Chair (or designee), one member designated annually by the President to act in a voting ex officio capacity, a representative from the library, a representative from the College Professional staff, and at least one~~three~~ faculty at the rank of Professor or Associate Professor with more than 10 years at the College, in compliance with university guidelines. In the event that there is a nomination portfolio for Excellence in Librarianship and/or Excellence in Professional Service, ~~t~~ The Committee membership shall be modified ~~as stated in the SUNY Guidelines,~~ In the case for Excellence in Professional Service the majority of the Committee is comprised of Professional Staff to deliberate on the file for selection of candidates for Excellence in Librarianship and Excellence in Professional Service. To avoid any potential or perceived conflicts of interest, it is recommended that no more than two members from the same department should serve on the committee at the same time.

3. Terms:

- a) ~~Seven~~~~Five~~ Faculty representatives shall be elected annually by the Faculty from a slate prepared by the Nominations and Elections Committee and serve a staggered term of two~~-~~years so that at least three ~~or four~~ members will be replaced every year. In the initial implementation of this provision, the ~~four~~~~three~~ faculty receiving the greatest number of votes shall be designated for two~~-~~year terms, and the ~~three~~~~two~~ faculty with the next greatest number for one~~-~~year terms.
- b) The ~~S~~student Government Association representative shall be selected by the student government body, and they/~~she~~ shall be approved by the Committee ~~membership~~ according to the specifications in Appendix V.

Reference: May 28, 2021 (Senate & Full Faculty) FUAC Revisions to the 2016 Bylaws 2-14-21 (5-10-21)

On May 28, 2021 the Senate minutes (excerpt below) reflect the approval

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- FUAC bylaws revision, see meeting documents
- Faculty ask regarding specifically the guidelines. The guidelines are maintained by SUNY and they are updated frequently so the goal is to *not* include all the guidelines directly in the bylaws so the guidelines don't become out-of-date.
- Grade distributions provided in FUAC files are general and do not violate FERPA.
- Faculty Senate can approve just the membership part, and other issues can be referred to the bylaws working group.
- Does the "member of the library" need to be faculty rank? Perhaps, but this issue should be reviewed by the bylaws working group.
- Changes in membership only are approved by unanimous consent. All other issues are referred to the bylaws working group.

Reference: September 10, 2021 Minutes for May 28, 2021

Resolution to Approve 2016 Bylaws Pro Tem Suspension
for Senate Approved FUAC Membership Changes

Whereas the Faculty Senate approved FUAC membership changes on May 28, 2021;

Whereas Faculty expected the bylaws review process to be completed before Spring 2022 and thus had anticipated the membership changes to have already been incorporated into the next version of the Faculty Bylaws;

Whereas the Covid pandemic has delayed the bylaws review process to be instead anticipated as completed by Spring of 2023;

Whereas the rationale for the change is to ensure effective operation of the FUAC;

Whereas the Nominations and Elections committee is currently conducting the nominations process and there is an urgent need to clarify whether the approved membership changes should be reflected in the current nominations process;

Whereas the next Faculty Senate meeting is scheduled for April 21st which, if a decision is delayed until then, nominations and elections will be significantly impeded;

Whereas the Executive Committee acts for the Faculty Senate when it is not in session;

Be It Resolved that the Executive Committee approves temporary suspension of the 2016 Faculty Bylaws Article VII section E.2 and E.3 in order to include the FUAC membership changes into the Faculty Bylaws.