

RESOLUTION TO REVISE THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Virginia Tech and its constituent groups aim to support the benefits of shared governance, and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to continue to improve and advance the active participation of all appointees to commissions, committees, councils, and other shared governance bodies; and

WHEREAS, in light of recent reform to Virginia Tech shared governance giving the Faculty Senate a role of review regarding resolutions originating in certain Commissions, it is particularly important to ensure that the Faculty Senate is adequately represented on those Commissions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Constitution of the University Council, Article VII. University Commissions, Section 6. Term of Membership be amended to include the sentence *“Senators who are selected to represent the Staff or Faculty Senates on Commissions and who cease to be senators, may be replaced by their respective senate”* as follows:

Constitution of the University Council Article VII. University Commissions Section 6. Term of Membership

Terms of membership of elected representatives on Commissions are as follows: Faculty Senators, Staff Senators, representatives of college faculty, library faculty, administrative and professional faculty, the salaried staff, and any other elected non-student commission members are elected for a term of three years. They may serve no more than two full consecutive terms on any given commission. Terms are staggered to permit election of approximately one-third of the membership each year. Deans are elected by the Council of College Deans and serve for two years. The student representatives serve for terms of one year and are not eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms. Elections are effective the first day of July. Vacancies in unexpired terms are filled by the relevant body. **Senators who are selected to represent the Staff or Faculty Senates on Commissions and who cease to be senators, may be replaced by their respective senate**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Visitors approve the above resolution to Revise the Constitution of University Council.

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