

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

The Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate proposes three primary amendments, as well as several minor housekeeping amendments, to the Faculty Constitution. In the summary below, the article and section numbers refer to the numbering in the proposed amended Constitution, not in the current Constitution.

Three Primary Amendments

Definition of “Faculty”: Art. II, sec 1. The amendment would broaden the definition of “Faculty” to include those holding the rank of Distinguished Professor and to the newly created Non-Tenure Track Teaching Position (NTTP). Distinguished Professor was a fairly new rank when the constitution was originally drafted and was not included. The newly created NTTP positions need to be added in order for faculty in those positions to participate in faculty governance.

Defining non-Faculty ex-officio members of Standing Committees as non-voting members: Art VII, sec 2. Language here has been changed to make non-faculty ex-officio members of committees non-voting members. By Robert’s Rules ex-officio members are voting members unless the constitution or by-laws of an organization specify otherwise. This change has been made based on feedback from standing committee chairs. This also reflects the fact that many ex-officio administrators serve on administrative committees (i.e. Deans and/or Provost’s Council) that also provide recommendations on issues and thus have the opportunity to vote in those roles.

Adding “or designee” for several ex-officio individuals serving on the Senate or Standing Committees: Art. V, sec 2; Art. VII, sec 2; Art. VIII, secs 15 a, b, c, d. This amendment would codify past practice where those in certain positions (Union President, Provost, etc.) serving as ex-officio members of the Senate, Executive Committee, or Standing Committees could designate an individual to serve in their place. This is stated explicitly in some places in the constitution and not in others. This amendment makes the language more consistent throughout for these types of positions.

Housekeeping Amendments

Changing “Richard Stockton College of New Jersey” to “Stockton University”. The name of the institution has been changed throughout the document.

Changing “College” to “University”. All instances of “College” have been changed to “University” to reflect the current status of the institution.

References to the “School of Graduate Studies” have been deleted: Art. II, sec. 7. The School of Graduate and Continuing Studies no longer exists.

Administrative title changes to reflect current position titles: Art. VIII, sec. 15a, b, c, e, f. Some ex-officio titles have changed due to administrative reorganization. These changes have already been made in practice under the authority granted to the Executive committee when

administrative reorganizations occur, but since other amendments are being made at this time it makes sense to change them to reflect current practice.

Making election procedures consistent: Art IX, sec. 5: This change defines the winner of Assembly elections as the candidate with the highest number of votes. This makes the section consistent with Section 6 and aligns with past practice. The change avoids any issues with the need for multiple balloting in Assembly elections.