

**Draft Resolution Amending the Bylaws of the College of Arts and Sciences Faculty and its Senate to Provide for  
Election of Representatives to the Graduate Council**

Proposed by the Ad-Hoc Committee on Elections to the Graduate Council

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WHEREAS a Graduate College has been established to provide leadership to the various graduate programs being conducted at the University of Delaware; and

WHEREAS the Bylaws of the Graduate College call for the creation of a Graduate College Council as the deliberative and representative body of the College; and

WHEREAS the Bylaws of the Graduate College define all full-time faculty members of the University to be simultaneously members of the faculty of the Graduate College; and

WHEREAS the Bylaws of the Graduate College require that "Council members of the academic colleges must be elected by secret ballot among eligible faculty members of a college consistent with their college bylaws;" and

WHEREAS the Bylaws of the Graduate College further provide that Graduate Council members shall be "nominated and elected as the representatives of graduate programs within the academic colleges," and that they "must be active in some aspect of graduate education;" and

WHEREAS the number of Graduate Council seats allocated for election by the College of Arts and Sciences is substantially smaller than the number of departments in the College of Arts and Sciences; and

WHEREAS representatives on the Graduate Council are to serve staggered two-year terms, with half of the terms expiring each year; and

WHEREAS College-wide and portfolio-wide elections have the disadvantage that candidates are frequently unknown to the voters; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bylaws of the College of Arts and Sciences Faculty and its Senate be hereby amended to include a new article entitled, "Election of Graduate Council members from the College." The text of the amendment shall be as follows.

At the beginning of Section III.4.A on the requirement that College Senators attend College Senate meetings, add the following sentence:

"Because of the responsibility attendant upon membership in the College Senate, department chairpersons shall arrange teaching, research and extension schedules to permit attendance of Senators at regular meetings of the College Senate."

This new sentence will then be followed by the existing sentence:

"Any Senator who has more than two unexcused absences from Senate meetings in any one semester shall forfeit the office."

At the end of Section III.7 on the election of at-large CAS senators, add the following sentence:

"Should a tie vote occur, it shall be resolved randomly, by flipping a coin or rolling a die or drawing straws."

At the end of Section III.12.B on the election of CAS Senate officers, add the following sentence:

“Should a tie vote occur, it shall be resolved randomly, by flipping a coin or rolling a die or drawing straws.”

After Section VI, add a new Section VII with the following text:

VII. Election of Graduate Councilors and Alternates for the Graduate Council of the Graduate College

1. To promote breadth of representation, no department shall be represented by more than one Graduate Councilor holding a primary appointment in that department.
2. All Graduate Councilors and alternates shall interact frequently with the faculty members in the departments they represent regarding the business of the Graduate Council. Graduate Councilors and alternates who are elected to represent more than a single department have a duty to represent fairly the concerns of the faculty members in all the departments which they represent.
3. Because of the responsibility attendant upon membership in the Graduate Council, department chairpersons shall arrange teaching, research and extension schedules to permit attendance of Graduate Councilors and alternates at regular meetings of the Graduate Council. Any Graduate Councilor who has more than two unexcused absences from Graduate Council meetings in any one semester shall forfeit the office and be replaced by an alternate.
4. In the first round of elections to the Graduate Council (conducted in the spring of 2019), COCAN shall by random selection designate half of the winning candidates to serve a one-year term, and the other half to serve a two-year term, to establish the system of staggered terms required by the Graduate College's Bylaws.
5. To provide strong connections of Graduate Councilors and alternates with the faculty members and programs they represent, the seats for Graduate Councilors shall be distributed as follows:

Natural Sciences Portfolio (5 total):

Biological Sciences – 1 seat

Chemistry & Biochemistry – 1 seat

Mathematical Sciences – 1 seat

Physics & Astronomy – 1 seat

Psychological & Brain Sciences and Linguistics & Cognitive Science – 1 seat

Humanities Portfolio (4 total):

English – 1 seat

Languages, Literatures and Cultures – 1 seat

Africana Studies, Art Conservation, Art History, History, Philosophy – 2 seats

Social Sciences (3 total):

Joseph R. Biden School of Public Policy & Administration – 1 seat

Communication, Political Science and International Relations, Women and Gender Studies – 1 seat

Anthropology, Fashion and Apparel Studies, Sociology – 1 seat

Arts Portfolio (1 seat):

Art & Design, Music, and Theatre (1 seat)

Nondepartmental Group (1 seat):

English Language Institute and Associate in Arts Program – 1 seat

6. If a department has its own Graduate Councilor, the departmental faculty shall elect from among their departmental colleagues a Graduate Councilor and one alternate by secret ballot of all full-time faculty members in a manner consistent with the department's Bylaws, the College Bylaws, and the Graduate College's Bylaws. Each full-time faculty member shall have the right to propose an eligible faculty member for nomination to be Graduate Councilor.
7. The English Language Institute shall provide from among its full-time faculty who are engaged in graduate education both a Graduate Councilor and an alternate, to be elected collectively by the full-time faculty members in the English Language Institute and the Associate in Arts Program.
8. If a department shares a Graduate Councilor and an alternate with at least one other department, the following procedures shall apply.
  - A. Each department that includes faculty members active in some aspect of graduate education shall have the right to choose one faculty member as a candidate for election to be a Graduate Councilor. Each full-time faculty member shall have the right to propose a faculty member from their department for nomination to be a Graduate Councilor and to vote on the department's nomination. Each department's candidate shall be chosen in an election conducted by secret ballot consistent with the department's Bylaws.
  - B. The College Faculty Senate's Committee On Committees And Nominations (COCAN) shall designate an election officer, if possible from among its members, to organize and conduct the elections for Graduate Councilors and alternates of departmental groups. Ballot materials shall include a short biographical statement, of 100 words or less, submitted by each candidate summarizing the candidate's qualifications for the Graduate Council.
  - C. COCAN shall not accept a candidate nominated by a department if the election of that candidate would result in more than one person holding a primary appointment in that department being a Graduate Councilor.
  - D. In elections among groups of departments to fill two seats, each eligible voter shall have the right to cast two unranked votes. The two candidates receiving the most votes shall be the Graduate Councilors; all other candidates shall be alternates.
  - E. In elections among groups of departments in which more than two candidates are nominated to fill a single seat, voters shall identify their preferences in rank order, designating their first choice, second choice and any subsequent choices. In such cases, if no candidate receives a majority of first-choice votes, the candidate receiving the fewest first-choice votes shall be eliminated. The ballots cast for that candidate shall be reviewed and reallocated to those voters' second-choice candidates. This process shall be repeated, sequentially eliminating the last-place remaining candidate and reallocating each vote to the next chosen candidate in order of priority, until a candidate has received a majority of votes cast or until only two candidates remain. The candidate with the most votes shall be the Graduate Councilor; all other candidates shall be alternates.
  - F. Should a tie vote occur, it shall be resolved randomly, by flipping a coin or rolling a die or drawing straws.
9. The apportionment of Graduate Councilors and alternates shall be reconsidered by the College Senate whenever the number of Graduate Councilors assigned to the College changes or whenever a simple majority of the College Senate votes to reconsider the apportionment.

Renumber the current Section VII (Amendments and implementation) as Section VIII.