# Faculty Manual Proposed Changes

## Voting Membership (p.4)

### CURRENT:

**VOTING**
The following members of the faculty shall have the right to present motions and vote at meetings of the university faculty: the president; the provost; deans; tenure-track faculty~~; librarians; and full-time ROTC faculty~~. Full-time faculty may exercise the right to vote during temporary absences from the university, such as sabbaticals or leaves of absence. However, voting by proxy is not permitted at meetings of the university faculty. ~~Individuals who hold research faculty appointments are not voting members of the university faculty.~~

### PROPOSED:

**VOTING**
The following members of the faculty shall have the right to present motions and vote at meetings of the university faculty: the president; the provost; deans; tenure-track faculty; and full-time, non-tenure track faculty as defined in section I.B.2 of policy ACAF 1.06. Full-time faculty may exercise the right to vote during temporary absences from the university, such as sabbaticals or leaves of absence. However, voting by proxy is not permitted at meetings of the university faculty. Clinical, teaching faculty from the Schools of Medicine will elect three faculty to represent and vote (one vote for each of the three) for each School of Medicine.

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## Faculties of the Colleges, Schools, or Departments (p.13)

### CURRENT:

**FACULTIES OF THE COLLEGES, SCHOOLS, OR DEPARTMENTS**

The faculty of a college, school, or department shall consist of its ~~professors, associate professors, assistant professors, full-time instructors, and full-time lecturers~~. Voting rights within a college, school, or department shall be based upon the same standards as for the university faculty**,** ~~unless otherwise provided within an academic unit~~. ~~The unit may extend the right to vote on matters within the unit to instructors, lecturers, clinical faculty, and research faculty who are not degree candidates in the units of their appointments. Such persons shall not be defined as faculty members for purposes of determining faculty representation for the Faculty Senate. The power to extend the voting right shall be reserved to that segment of the unit faculty that holds voting privileges within the university faculty~~. Colleges, schools, and departments shall hold regularly scheduled meetings. The dean or chair of the college, school, or department shall call a meeting of the college, school, or department faculty whenever requested to do so by five members or one-fourth of the membership of its faculty, whichever is smaller. A meeting of a college, school, or department faculty also may be called by the president of the university, by its dean, or by its chair. A majority of a college, school, or department faculty shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business**,** unless otherwise provided within an academic unit.

### PROPOSED:

**FACULTIES OF THE COLLEGES, SCHOOLS, OR DEPARTMENTS**

The faculty of a college, school, or department shall consist of its full time faculty. Voting rights within a college, school, or department shall be based upon the same standards as for the university faculty, unless otherwise provided within the academic unit**,** except that only tenured faculty can vote on matters concerning tenure and promotion guidelines and advancement of tenure-track faculty, and a faculty member who is a degree candidate in the unit of appointment cannot vote in that unit. Units are encouraged to extend voting privileges to faculty who are not full time.

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APPENDIX IV
BYLAWS OF THE FACULTY SENATE
THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA-COLUMBIA

## ARTICLE II - MEMBERS (p.88)

### CURRENT:

Section 1. The Faculty Senate is composed of the voting members of the University Faculty chosen by each college or school or other academic units for membership in the Senate. For the purpose of these bylaws, the term "voting members" is defined to mean full-time faculty members holding the rank of Assistant Professor or above and professional librarians.

Section 2. The number of Senate members allocated to each college, school, or Regional Campus is ten (10) percent of the total voting members of the University faculty in such college, school, or Regional Campus. Each college, school, or Regional Campus shall establish and publish rules and procedures governing the election of its members to the Senate and the filling of vacancies. Those colleges or Regional Campuses which are departmentalized shall allocate the Senators amongst the departments so as not to exceed the ten (10) percent limit for the total college or Regional Campus (Table 1). At the first election of members to the Senate, each college, school, or Regional Campus shall designate terms of one, two, or three years for its members so that approximately one-third of its members will be allotted each of the terms. Thereafter, members elected to the Senate shall have terms of three years, unless chosen to fill unexpired terms. No Senator shall be eligible for an additional term in the Senate until one year following the expiration of the term of service.

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