Article III: Membership

Only tenured or tenure-track faculty may serve as voting members of the Council. Most members shall hold a terminal degree, with sixteen (16) voting members appointed in consultation with the Executive Committee, the Senate, and the Provost. Normally, members will serve for at least two years, but the process outlined below should encourage both the stability of experience and the practice of welcoming new members. Ideally, membership shall be composed of faculty with a record of or significant potential for scholarly activity; a record of excellent service to the University; and a record of excellence in teaching.

In the spring of each year, the Faculty Development Committee (FDC) of the Council shall poll current members regarding their wish to serve subsequent terms; shall request nominations for new members from the above-named parties; and shall prepare and submit a complete roster to the Chair of the Council, who will then submit it to the Provost and to the President for approval by the last Friday in August. The Executive Committee and the Senate may follow any process of nomination as their respective groups approve. Best practice suggests that all eligible faculty are notified by the Chair of FDC in spring that they are allowed to self-nominate, and that before the final roster is submitted to the Provost, the Chair of the Council, the Executive Committee, and the Senate consult one final time.

Article IV: Representation and Terms

Ideally, all Schools shall be represented, and all programs having graduate degrees shall be represented.

a) Members shall serve two years, with no provision for mid-year replacement if a member resigns, is reassigned, or if for some other reason is unable to complete a two-year term.

b) The Faculty Development Committee of the Council shall recommend new members, if needed, to the Chair and the Dean of Graduate Studies at the end of each year and shall consult with the Executive Committee, the Senate, and the Provost as a matter of practice.