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Standing Committee
November 30, 2016

Joe Romance
April Park
Kevin Splichal
David Goodlett
Soumya Bhounik

Topic: Review of Regents university bylaws regarding membership in faculty senate. The question here is “do adjuncts count”? None of the regents institutions do count them. The belief is that at KU they don’t count either. We do not have their bylaws in hand to look. All refer to “faculty” as membership and representation.

Question: How are adjuncts represented in faculty senate? And, do we need to clarify or change the wording in our bylaws?

Article III--Representation

Section 1: For the purpose of determining representation on the Faculty Senate, teaching faculty shall be defined as follows:

Those who are members of the faculty on fulltime appointment, excluding those in administrative positions who teach less than four-tenths time, shall constitute teaching faculty. Departmental chairs shall also be considered as teaching faculty.

Current statement:

Section 2: All members of the teaching faculty, and those part-time persons whose appointment is solely a teaching position, shall have the right to vote for representatives to the Faculty Senate.

Suggested change:

Section 2: All members of fulltime teaching faculty shall have the right to vote for representatives to the Faculty Senate.

Joe: Motion made to change the existing wording to suggested wording on Section 2 and bring to the Senate.

Kevin: Seconded.

David: Any further discussion. No. Motion carries unanimously.

New Question:

Now the question emerges about “representation” in Article 3, Section III, a.

Current statement:

Section 3: Number, Eligibility, and Election of Representatives.

a. Representation is determined by the following ratio: One representative for every ten members of a department who are qualified as (fulltime?) teaching faculty, or fraction thereof.

This statement allows for a department to count adjuncts as members of the department, therefore, could open the door for departments to have more faculty senate representatives. We are tabling this discussion for now.

Joe: Motion to adjourn

Soumya: Second

David: Discussion? None. So moved unanimously.