

Faculty Governance Committee

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FGC Accomplishments

- Passed and Implemented Calendar Shift to Academic Year
- Increased Transparency of Committee Memberships
- Expanding Senate to Include COM
- Cleaning-up By-Laws



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Recommended By-Law Change

Proposal: *Eliminate the clause that requires non-tenure track faculty to have served 3 years at the university before being eligible to run for Faculty Senate.*



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- **Current Language:** An eligible faculty member is a full-time, tenured or tenure-track faculty member or a full-time Library faculty member or a full-time non-tenure track faculty member with **at least three years of continuous service** at the University of Houston. For the purposes of these Bylaws, a non-tenure track faculty member is defined as instructional, research, or clinical with the rank of Professor, Associate Professor, or Assistant Professor.
- **Proposed Revision:** An eligible faculty member is a full-time, tenured, ~~or tenure-track~~, **or non-tenure track** faculty member ~~or a full-time Library faculty member or a full-time non-tenure track faculty member with at least three years of continuous service~~ at the University of Houston. For the purposes of these Bylaws, a non-tenure track faculty member is defined as instructional, research, or clinical with the rank of Professor, Associate Professor, or Assistant Professor.



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Reasons for Change

- As currently written, it gets interpreted as meaning just NTTs by some units and as applying to all by other units.
- We cannot easily enforce this clause and have not been enforcing this clause.
- We trust the faculty to vote for the most qualified candidate and to adequately mentor new faculty. The responsibility for representation ultimately lies with the voters.



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Questions?



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