



ATTACHMENT 3.  
*To be discussed and  
Voted on at February  
Senate meeting.*

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TO: Faculty Senate  
FROM: Faculty Advisory Committee *[Signature]*  
SUBJECT: Two-Year Terms for Faculty Senators

The Faculty Advisory Committee has endorsed a recommendation made by Professor John Herr that terms for faculty Senators be limited to two years as opposed to the current three-year term. The purposes of the proposal are:

- (1. To reduce the burden on faculty Senators and thereby encourage greater attendance at Senate meetings;
- (2. To increase the number of faculty members involved in faculty governance.

We intend to introduce the following motion at the December meeting of the Faculty Senate:

At the conclusion of the 1993-94 academic year the 49 Senators completing the third year of service shall complete their term of office and shall be ineligible for re-election, in accordance with current Senate procedures. The 54 Senators entering their second year of service in 1993-94 shall complete their current terms at the end of that academic year, but they shall be eligible for re-election. The 39 Senators beginning their terms in 1993-94 will continue in office for the academic year 1994-95 with that year being the final year of their term in office. One hundred and three Senate positions will be filled by election in 1994-95. Thirty-two of those positions will be for a term of one year, and 71 will be for a term of two years. The specification of which Senators elected in 1993-94<sup>5</sup> will serve for a one-year period and which Senators elected in 1994-95 will serve for a two-year period shall be made on the basis of random selection procedures and shall be done by personnel in the Faculty Senate Office. After 1994-95, 71 Senators shall be elected for two-year terms each year.

The proposed amendment, if adopted will require two changes in the

faculty manual. The first change is on p. 16. Instead of, "Senators are elected for a three-year term...", the manual would read, "Senators are elected for a two-year term...". The second change is in the bylaws on p. 72 in Appendix I. The wording would be changed from, "Thereafter, members of the Senate shall have terms of three years, unless chosen to fill unexpired terms." to "Thereafter, members of the Senate shall terms of two years unless chosen to fill unexpired terms."

Since a change in the Senate bylaws is involved, the motion will require a two-thirds majority in support to pass. If the proposed amendment is presented in writing at the December meeting of the Senate, it can be voted on at the next regular meeting.