



MEMORANDUM

To: Donna E. Shalala, President

From: Richard L. Williamson
Chair, Faculty Senate

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Richard L. Williamson'.

Date: March 27, 2012

Subject: Faculty Senate Legislation #2011-40(A) – Address Library Representation in the
Faculty Manual on the Senate (Sections A7.1, A9.1, and B3.3)

At its March 21, 2012 meeting, the Faculty Senate unanimously approved the proposal to address Library representation in the *Faculty Manual* on the Senate (Sections A7.1, A9.1, and B3.3).

Reason for changes to the *Faculty Manual*: Librarian Faculty represent the majority of librarians in the Richter Library. The number of tenured faculty is shrinking rapidly and it is likely that soon there will not be any Regular Faculty in the Richter Library. Therefore, it is necessary to add the phrase, *and the Library* to sentence two of A7.1(b), so that it reads, “Each school, with faculty tenured in that school, and the Library, shall be allotted at least one senator.” A9.1 would be revised as you see in the proposal, as would B3.3.

Final approval requires the vote of the REGULAR FACULTY of the University and the approval of the Board of Trustees.¹

The supporting materials are enclosed for your reference.

This legislation is now forwarded to you for your action.

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Enclosure

cc: Thomas LeBlanc, Executive Vice President and Provost
William Walker, Dean and University Librarian
Jameatris Johnson, Senator, Richter Library
Suzanne Stemler, Senator, Richter Library

¹ Faculty Manual Section A10.9: The procedure following adoption by the Senate of a Class A action shall be the same as for a Class B action, except that the action must be ratified by a majority of the members of the voting faculty who vote on the matter and subsequently approved by the Board of Trustees.

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PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE

APPROVED:  DATE: 4-2-12
(President's Signature)

OFFICE OR INDIVIDUAL TO IMPLEMENT: FACULTY SENATE

EFFECTIVE DATE OF LEGISLATION: Upon approval of the vote of the faculty and the
Board of Trustees, whichever comes last

NOT APPROVED AND REFERRED TO: _____

REMARKS (IF NOT APPROVED): _____

Revisions Necessary to Address Faculty Representation from the Library to the Faculty Senate

This item was originally presented at the Jan. 25, 2012 Faculty Senate meeting, and as noted at that time, the Library faculty of the University of Miami Libraries has voted and approved the document.

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Proposed changes to the *Faculty Manual*

A7.1

(b) ¹The Faculty Senate shall consist of 30-50 voting members. Each school with faculty tenured in that school, and the Library, shall be allotted at least one senator. The remaining senators shall be apportioned such that the ratio of faculty per senator in any school shall increase with the size of the faculty of that school. The number of senators allotted and apportioned to any two schools shall be less than 50% of the total voting membership. The Senate shall adopt a Bylaw to implement these principles and shall apply this Bylaw annually to apportion itself. The Senate may through a special Bylaw provide representation to other academic units.

A9.1

The sphere of interest of the Committee on General Welfare shall include general welfare, tenure, the academic freedom of faculty and of students, and faculty-administration relationships. The Committee shall be composed of the Chair, the Vice-Chairs, and one senator elected by the Senate from each school with faculty tenured in that school², and the Library.

B3.3

From the data available on November 15 of each year the General Welfare Committee shall recommend, and the Senate approve, an apportionment of senators such that a school authorized to have Senators in keeping with A7.1(b) with faculty tenured in that school shall receive N senators, N being the largest integer for which it is the case that the number of voting faculty members of the school (F) is equal to or exceeds the value of a constant (K) times the sum of the sequence two plus three plus four . . . up to N: that is, $F \geq [2+3+4+ \dots + N] \times K$. The value of the constant (K) shall be selected each year by the Senate upon recommendation of the Chair such that the Senate shall consist of 30-50³ voting members. In any apportionment, the Graduate School shall have two senators and every other school shall have at least one senator.⁴

¹ See section [B3.3](#) of the Faculty Government Bylaws

² See section B3.6, regarding alternate members to the General Welfare Committee

³ See section [A7.1\(b\)](#) of the Faculty Government Charter

⁴ [#2005-10\(B\)](#)