

FACULTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MOTIONS

Motion 1: FEC moves that the *Faculty Handbook*, Part Two, Section 12 ("Athletic Council") be revised as follows:

Old:

Membership: Three faculty members, each from a different department, elected to serve three-year terms; two students selected by SGA; the Dean of the Faculty or his/her designee, the Dean of Student Affairs or his/her designee, and the Athletic Director ex-officio (non-voting).

New:

Membership: Three faculty members, each from a different department, elected to serve three-year terms; two students selected by SGA; the Dean of the Faculty or his/her designee, the Dean of Student Affairs or his/her designee, **the National Collegiate Athletic Association Faculty Athletics Representative ex-officio (voting)**, and the Athletic Director ex-officio (non-voting). /

Rationale: The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) requires that the chief executive officer of its member institutions designate a faculty member to "represent the institution and its faculty in the institution's relationships with the NCAA and its conference(s), if any" (2005-06 NCAA Division II Manual p. 21, 4.02.2). The NCAA recommends that the Faculty Athletics Representative be a member of the member institution's committee that influences the policies and procedures of the athletic program. This change implements that recommendation by naming this position as a voting member of Athletic Council.

Motion 2: Faculty Executive Committee (FEC) moves that the *Faculty Handbook*, Part Two, Section II, A ("Committees of the Faculty") be revised as follows:

Old:

Replacements on an elected committee for **an academic year or longer** will normally be by special election. Replacements for **less than an academic year** will normally be appointed by FEC from the list of runners-up in the most recent election. Replacements on appointive committees will be made by FEC from among those willing to serve.

New:

Replacements on an elected committee for **longer than an academic year** will normally be by special election. Replacements **for an academic year or less** will normally be appointed by FEC from the list of runners-up in the most recent election. Replacements on appointive committees will be made by FEC from among those willing to serve.

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Rationale: The *Handbook's* current language implies two guiding principles for faculty representation on elective committees. The first and most important is that representatives should have widespread support, expressed through a ballot. The second is that short terms should be by appointment. The proposed change would make short, one-year replacements normally appointive, as half-year terms are now. The change would address a problem with our current practice: extra willingness-to-serve forms are needed each spring, creating a long and complicated Round III/Omnibus. FEC has had difficulty filling ballots for elections over the past few years, and wishes to reduce the growing need to prod, cajole, nag, and pester faculty to run in elections. At present, the *Handbook* permits FEC to appoint for one-year positions, but FEC would prefer to have the faculty vote on whether or not this should become a regular practice. The proposed change would not eliminate the word "normally" from the *Handbook's* stipulations, and so would leave room for committees to request that any particular full or half year replacement be made by election.

Motion 3: FEC moves that Part Two, Section II, "Committees of the Faculty," 9 "Honors Council," of the *Faculty Handbook*, be revised as follows:

Old:

Membership: Four faculty, three elected for three-year terms and one who chairs the Council and serves as director of the Honors Forum for a four-year term; the Associate Dean of Student Affairs; the Dean of Studies; the Associate Dean of the Faculty; the President or a designated representative of the Periclean Honor Society; two **other** students appointed from members of the Forum.

New:

Membership: Four faculty, three elected for three-year terms and one who chairs the Council and serves as director of the Honors Forum for a four-year term; the Associate Dean of Student Affairs; the Dean of Studies; the Associate Dean of the Faculty; the President or a designated representative of the Periclean Honor Society; two students appointed from members of the Forum; **one student selected by SGA.**

Rationale: In present practice, a representative of SGA sits on Honors Council. The Council has found this practice to be both beneficial and in keeping with the tri-partite nature of college governance. This motion brings the *Faculty Handbook* into line with current practice. The motion has the full support of the chair of Honors Council and of SGA.
