## **Faculty Senate Action Item**

Subject: Proposed Change in the Faculty Senate Constitution

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## **Reason for the Needed Change**

- Less than ½ of the faculty senators are on the committee that had the first reading.
- For those not on the committee the faculty members are hearing most of the arguments for and against the proposed change in the constitution for the first time at the faculty meeting and are not in a position to adequately represent their constituents.
- The faculty need time to get opinions from the faculty they represent before making a constitutional change.
- So all due diligence will be used in decisions to change the constitution.

| Financial Implications: None. |  |
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| Requested Action:             | Approval by Faculty Senate and General Faculty |

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