

**Question 1: The Faculty Council proposes to amend Article III of the Constitution to revise the criteria for membership in Faculty Assembly and to eliminate the two-tiered voting system.**

Original Text

Section 1

All members of the faculty of Boston University of professorial rank and who hold at least one-fourth time appointments shall be members of the Faculty Assembly.

Section 2

Members with full-time appointments, as defined in the Faculty Manual, shall cast one vote; members with part-time appointments, as defined in the Faculty Manual, shall cast one-half vote.

Proposed Changes

Section 1

All members of the faculty of Boston University of **professorial (other than adjunct, emeritus or visiting) or lecturer rank** and who hold at least **one-half** time appointments shall be members of the Faculty Assembly.

Section 2

**Each Faculty Assembly member shall cast one vote.**

**Question 2: The Faculty Council proposes to amend Article VII, Section 1 of the Constitution to revise the criteria for membership in the Faculty Council.**

Original Text

Section 1

All members of the Faculty Assembly shall be eligible to serve as members of the Faculty Council.

Proposed Change

Section 1

All members of the Faculty Assembly shall be eligible to serve as **representatives or alternates** of the Faculty Council.

**Question 3: The Faculty Council proposes to amend Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution to revise the criteria for serving as an officer of the Faculty Council.**

Original Text

Section 2

Faculty Council representatives, alternates, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Council, and the chairs of the various standing committees of the Faculty Council at the time of the election, or who have served in any of these capacities at least one year during the four-year period preceding the election, are eligible for election as officers. Members of the Nominating Committee are not eligible for election as officers of the Faculty Council during the period for which they are elected to serve.

Proposed Changes

Section 2

**Faculty of professorial rank who, at the time of the election, have served as** Council representatives, alternates, Secretary-Treasurer of the Council, or chairs of the various standing committees of the Faculty Council ~~at the time of the election, or who have served in any of these capacities~~ at least one year during the four-year period preceding the election, are eligible for election as officers. Members of the Nominating Committee are not eligible for election as officers of the Faculty Council during the period for which they are elected to serve.

**Question 4: The Faculty Council proposes that procedural changes to the Faculty Council Committees should be "subject to the by-laws," rather than the Constitution.**

The Faculty Council voted unanimously in Fall 2010 to recommend the following procedural changes to the governing documents:

1. Extend the term of the Secretary-treasurer from one year to two years, and permit candidate to stand for re-election for one additional term.
2. Extend the term of the Nominating Committee from one year to two years.
3. Extend the term limit for Standing Committee Chairs, to permit a chair to stand for re-election for a second term.

In April 2011, the Faculty Council voted to recommend that these procedural changes should be "subject to the by-laws," thus delegating management to the by-laws, rather than the Constitution.

**Question 5: The Faculty Council proposes an addition to Article VIII, Section 1 to stipulate that the immediate Past-chair may not be a candidate for Vice-chair until at least one year after the expiration of his/her term as Past-chair.**

Original Text

Section 1

The Officers of the Faculty Council shall be a Chair, a Vice-Chair or Past Chair, and a Secretary-Treasurer. The Chair shall serve for a two-year term, or until a successor is installed. A Vice-Chair shall be elected to serve during the second year of the Chair's term, and shall succeed the Chair in office at the end of that time. Until a new Vice-Chair is elected and installed, the immediate Past Chair shall assume the duties of Vice-Chair. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected to serve a one-year term, and may be a candidate for reelection.

Proposed Changes

Section 1

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The Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected to serve a **two-year term**, and may be **elected to serve no more than two consecutive terms.**