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To: The Department Senate
From: Joe Malof, Chair, Governance Committee
Re: EC Constitution revision

The Governance Committee recommends that the following two changes be made in the Executive Committee Constitution:

(1) In Section III (B), delete the underlined sentence:

All voting members of the Department's faculty are eligible to vote in Executive Committee elections. Members who are on leave shall be permitted to vote, although they shall not be entitled to have ballots sent to them through the U.S. Mail. Visiting faculty shall not be eligible to vote.

(2) In Section III(C)(4), delete the underlined sentence:

All members of the Department eligible to nominate are also eligible to vote. The final balloting shall be conducted according to the Hare System. . . .

Reason: Dean King and Vice-President Fonken have approved the department's EC mode of governance for another three-year period, providing the above two changes be made. The first change is necessary in order to bring the EC Constitution into conformance with the H.O.P. (pp. 27-28), which states that a faculty member can vote on departmental matters if "he holds a full-time appointment in that department as detailed in the budget and holds the rank of Professor, Visiting Professor, Associate Professor, Visiting Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Instructor or Lecturer." The second change eliminates a confusing redundancy, since voting eligibility is established in Section III(B).

Background: Last year, in trying to determine the voting status of visiting faculty, the Governance Committee got stuck over the H.O.P. phrase "as detailed in the budget," quoted above. Neither the Dean's office nor the President's office could give us a definitive interpretation of the phrase; Vice-President Fonken's office has now resolved the ambiguity for us. The other sentence we would like to delete is a carry-over from the Ur-Text of the Constitution that somehow never got weeded out.