

3) Term and Conditions

- a. The chair of the faculty shall serve a term of two years and shall not be eligible for a second successive term. The chair is ineligible for any other elective faculty position while serving as chair.
- b. Excepting the first chair of the faculty elected after the adoption of this amendment, chairs will succeed to the position following a term as vice-chair of the faculty. In the event that the positions of chair and vice-chair become vacant simultaneously, simultaneous elections shall be held to fill the positions for the unexpired terms with the chair being regarded as having succeeded to the position for purposes of serving a subsequent full term.
- c. Candidates for chair and vice-chair of the faculty shall be tenured faculty members at the rank of associate professor or professor.
- d. The term of office of the chair of the faculty shall begin on July 1 and end on June 30.
- e. The chair of the faculty shall receive a teaching load reduction of two (2) courses or the equivalent per academic year.

a) Vice-chair of the Faculty

1) The vice-chair of the faculty shall perform the following duties:

- a. To assume the duties of the chair of the faculty when the chair is unable to perform them or as designated by the chair.
- b. To serve as a voting member of the Faculty Executive Committee.
- c. To represent the faculty to the Board of Regents.
- d. Upon completion of a term as vice-chair, to succeed to the position of chair of the faculty.
- e. To succeed to the position of chair of the faculty upon the vacancy of the position before the end of the term and for the remainder of that term. If the vice-chair succeeds to the chair position to fulfill an unexpired term and if one year or less than one year remains in that unexpired term, the new chair may serve a subsequent consecutive full term. If more than one year remains in the unexpired term, the new chair may fulfill the term, but may not succeed to a full term.

2) Selection, Term, and Conditions

- a. The term of office of the vice-chair shall be two years.
- b. The election shall be conducted by the Governance Committee at the same time as other committee and faculty position elections.
- c. The nomination of candidates must be made in writing to the Governance Committee. Nominations may be made by any member of the faculty and must be supported in writing by at least ten faculty members who have not supported the nomination of any other candidates for the position. The Governance Committee shall obtain written consents to run and to serve from nominees.
- d. If more than two candidates are nominated and if no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for the position, a run-off election shall be held between the candidates with the two largest number of votes. The run-off election shall be concluded no later than three weeks after the conclusion of the general election, and the winner shall be the candidate with the largest number of votes cast. The faculty shall be informed of the results and vote totals in each election.
- e. Upon a vacancy in the position of vice-chair, the Governance Committee shall conduct a special election to fill the vacancy, such election to take place no later than one month after the creation of the vacancy and under conditions of nomination and eligibility as normally apply to the position.
- f. If a vice-chair is elected to the position to fill an unexpired term and if one year or less than one year remains in the unexpired term, the new vice-chair may serve the subsequent full term without the necessity of re-election.
- g. The vice chair of the faculty shall receive a teaching load reduction of one (1) course or the equivalent per academic year.

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